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BATTLE FOR ETHIOPIA NOW UNDER WAY: BLITZ METHODS ARE ADOPTED

"Reuter's" Special Correspondent with South African Forces in Abyssinia

Feb. 7.—The battle for Abyssinia is now under way. South African troops in large numbers crossed the border from Kenya and captured the strong Italian post at Gorai, a crater twenty miles inside Abyssinia. The Italians suffered considerable losses both in men and materials. At least thirty Italians were killed, and about the same number were wounded, and forty-seven were taken prisoner.

Desperate Italians Mown Down

Greeks Pursue with Bayonets

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Large forces of advancing Italian infantrymen were literally mown down by Greek fire in a two-hours' abortive attack on the Albanian battle front yesterday, according to the Athens radio to-night.

R. A. F. IN BEST FORM

Bombs Plaster Coast Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 LONDON, Feb. 7 (UP).—Regarding the overnight R.A.F. activities, the Air Ministry announced that a number of brisk fires were started at Dieppe.

Bombs fell on many docks and basins causing several fires and large explosions during a two-hour raid on Boulogne.

At Dunkirk, bombs burst near some barges and shipping and incendiary bombs caused fires.

At Fecamp the railway and eastern end docks were hit.

At Calais attacks were made from a low level and explosions were observed on the warehouses beside the docks.

Boulogne Masked

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Waves of R.A.F. bombers to-night made an attack of considerable scale on invasion ports on the French coast.

The centre of the attack appeared to be the Boulogne area, which was heavily bombed the previous night.

Fog had blotted out the Channel all day, but to-night there was some improvement although a layer of mist hung over the sea.

The raiders, who dropped parachute flares, were met by terrific anti-aircraft fire, streams of tracer bullets and "flaming onions" which could be seen on the southeast coast above the fog.

The explosion of heavy bombs echoed across the Channel at frequent intervals, and the sky was lit up by brilliant flashes.

Fire Lights Sky

After the raid had been in progress for an hour, two vivid sheets of orange flames shot up from a point east of Boulogne, accompanied by violent explosions, which shook the doors and windows of houses on the Kent coast.

Sikorski Tells Poland Of Allied Strength

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A German attempt to invade Britain is "doomed to failure" and General Wavell's lightning victories in Libya "are decidedly checking Hitler's plans in the Mediterranean and North Africa."

These were two main points made by General Sikorski, the Polish Premier and C-in-C of the Polish Army, broadcasting to Poland from London to-night.

He stated: "The Germans cannot undertake any serious action in Africa without occupation of French territories on the Mediterranean. But they must first take possession of Malta and it is imperative for Hitler to defeat the invincible British Navy in order to carry German land forces across the sea."

The announcer stated that the Italians were driven back, leaving many dead on the field. The Greeks made a bayonet charge and drove the Italians beyond their lines, taking many prisoners and a considerable quantity of war material.

This desperate Italian attack was launched when the weather was still bad and was supported by an artillery barrage.

Eritrean Front Breaking

Resistance At Keren

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Two powerful thrusts which are pushing the Italians daily nearer the Red Sea, have brought British forces right up to Keren, a town on the main road and railway from Agordat to Massawa and is rapidly increasing the pace of the Italian retreat from Barentu towards a point twenty miles eastward.

The Italians are reported to be making attempts to resist at Keren, but they have come under British fire from batteries brought up the hillside in the last few hours.

In the sector east of Barentu, the Italians have been so persistently harassed that it is very unlikely that more than half their original force will reach the main road from Asmara to Addis Ababa along which they obviously hope to make a getaway more effectively.

KINGLY GIFT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 TOKYO, Feb. 7 (Domei).—King Ananda Mahidol of Thailand in celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Empire, has presented to the Japanese Emperor a gold cloisonne cigarette box set with diamonds and a gold cloisonne stand. The gifts will be presented to the Emperor by Mr. Phya Sri Sena, Thai Minister, in the Imperial Palace on Saturday.

Soon afterwards a bright red glow spread across the sky, apparently due to a fierce fire which was itself screened by the bank of fog in the Channel.

This action was a "blitz" battle carried out with great generalship and great courage by troops who had never previously been in action.

Two days later the Springboks also crossed the border over which it has hitherto appeared impossible to move an army. In 48 hours engineers had cut a road through the wilderness at the surprising speed of one mile per hour.

Two Tasks Carried Out

Two forces penetrated into Abyssinia simultaneously. The task of one was to capture and hold the fortified position of Elgum, the junction of the road from Gorai to Ganchiaro. The second force was to capture and hold the Gorai front.

Both tasks were accomplished the same day. Elgum was taken at 4 p.m. and Gorai an hour later after a sharp engagement lasting fifty minutes. Gorai was taken by an infantry unit containing some of South Africa's youngest regiments formed since the outbreak of war. After preliminary skirmishes, guns pounded the Italians in their trenches and rock-belt pill-boxes and the fort was then carried by a swift intensive onslaught. Gorai is an extinct volcano containing sulphurous water which is strategically important in an almost waterless region.

Middle East Air Arm

Desert, East Africa And Albanian Actions

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—R.A.F. activities before the capture of Benghazi are described in a communiqué issued from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

The communiqué states: "Bombing aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out raids on Benghazi, Berka and Jedabya during Wednesday night. Several tons of bombs were dropped and considerable damage was caused, including one enemy aircraft destroyed by a direct hit."

"Our fighters continued offensive patrols during which machine-gun attacks were made on the aerodrome at Benina and a number of enemy bombers on the ground were damaged."

"At Benghazi, our fighters patrolled without encountering any enemy opposition."

East Africa

Dealing with Italian East Africa, the communiqué added that a South African Air Force squadron patrolling near Asmara encountered enemy fighters and shot down two of them. Other aircraft of the same squadron machine-gunned Bahdar aerodrome, destroying three enemy aircraft and causing a large petrol fire.

Keren was again bombed, particularly the railway and military buildings, while bombs were also dropped on a large transport yard at Assab.

In Albania

In Albania, military objectives west of Tepelini and Krahad were bombed on Thursday, and direct hits on military stores and transports were observed.

The weather during the raid was very bad and one British aircraft was lost.

Italians Get Down To Job They Know

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Some 4,000 Italian prisoners of war will be employed on the construction of a national road from Capetown to Worcester and through Montagu Pass. The road, of the total of 20,000, whom the South African Government have agreed to accommodate, will be employed in other 'state' departments.

DELHI POST FOR HONGKONG MAN

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—While Major-General W. C. Holden will be Officer in charge of the Central Provision Office to be established as the result of the Eastern Group Conference, it is understood that Mr. J. Whyatt, who was one of the officers to the Hongkong delegation to the Conference, will be Secretary of the Eastern Group Supply Council. Mr. Whyatt has arrived in Delhi.

Winant Departure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. John Winant, the new United States Ambassador to Britain, will probably leave for England in ten days' time, according to an announcement by President Roosevelt.

Benghazi Taken In A Sandstorm

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

With another lightning leap forward in their record-breaking advance across North Africa, the British Imperial forces yesterday entered Benghazi, the last Italian stronghold in Eastern Libya after a swift and sudden battle in a blinding sandstorm.

Italian resistance is believed to have been negligible. An idea of the magnitude of the British success can be obtained from consideration of the fact that less than two months have elapsed since the beginning of the offensive; yet British troops are now 400 miles from Sidi Barrani and 600 miles from Alexandria.

To-day, British uniforms can be seen in the palm-lined avenues of Benghazi, providing the bewildered inhabitants with evidence of the crack-up of the Italian Empire. Despite the rapidity with which Benghazi has fallen, a complete change of British administration in the occupied territory is already in existence.

Looking back on the whole campaign, it is clear that British tanks have played an astonishing role, charging forward hundreds of miles and "opening" one point after another completely by surprise.

Coast And Interior Roads

In the case of Libya, the British advance has been carried out not only by coast roads but also by the interior road running clear across Cirenaica behind a mountain range. The capture of Benghazi was another master-stroke of strategy, comparable with the capture of Sidi

Magnificent Effort

MELBOURNE, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—"A magnificent effort: our forces must have had a motor race: extraordinary how the Italians cleared out."

This comment was made to-day by Major-General V. A. H. Sturdee, C-in-C Australian Imperial Forces, when he was told of the capture of Benghazi.

Major-General Sturdee arrived here last month from the Middle East. Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Commonwealth Prime Minister, said that he was delighted at this culmination of the brilliant success of "our Australian boys."

Greek Joy Unbounded

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—News of the capture of Benghazi was received in Athens this afternoon with unbounded joy and enthusiasm, states the Athens radio.

"It had been confidently expected that this important Italian military TURN to Page 6, Column Five

Should Carry on The Advance Into Tripoli

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The fall of Benghazi though inevitable, took place even sooner than was thought possible. Italian resistance in Cirenaica must have completely collapsed. With the exception of one rearguard action there seems to have been little more called for from British troops after Derna than to face the fatigues of rapid marches.

Canadian Trained Airmen

Another Group Reaches Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—More evidence of the fruits of the rapidly growing Empire Air Training Scheme was provided to-day when a contingent of R.A.F. personnel from Britain, who had completed their training in Canada, returned with their "wings."

They were accompanied by new Australian and Canadian pilots. The new pilots arrived at a Scottish port and will be followed, at regular intervals, by thousands of volunteers, including men hailing from Australia, Ceylon, Malay States and other parts of the Empire.

The British contingent, mainly army air corps, joined the R.A.F. early in the war and completed their ground training at home before being sent to Canada some months ago.

It will be interesting to learn whether the last of the Italian Army of Cirenaica surrendered round Benghazi or whether its remnants are trying the long retreat towards Tripoli, a retreat which would indeed be a dreadful one, harassed and attacked from the air by the R.A.F. and possibly on the road by day and night by hostile Arab bands.

The great strategic question of a further advance on Tripoli itself remains to be decided. It will undoubtedly call for great British staff effort to organise lines of supply but command of the sea and air in North Africa will be of material assistance. From all information available it does not appear that the Italians could assemble a large and powerful force before Tripoli and in those circumstances there is no undue strategic risk in undertaking this further advance.

Reasons For Continuing

There are many reasons which urge an advance. The great moral effect on the Italians themselves as well as on the world at large, including Britain's other enemies, are not the only advantages to be seized by the capture of Tripoli. There is the possession of a good harbour which would be of great importance for the support of British naval operations in

Japanese Land More Troops At Haiphong: Indo-China Concession

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Feb. 7 (UP).—Unimpeachable diplomatic sources declared to-day that the Japanese during the past four days continued landing troops at Haiphong, bringing the total number in Tongkin to nearly 13,000.

A number of Japanese warships, including transports, have been sighted off Haiphong and the Japanese air force in Tongkin has been strengthened.

One diplomatic source alleges that after the conclusion of the peace pacts at Tokyo, which are likely to end on February 19, the Japanese may receive permission to enter southern Indo-China, where they will be able to make preparations for a southern expansion if necessary.

The Japanese concentration in Tongkin is a precautionary measure against the growing Chinese concentrations on the Indo-China border.

New Aerial Weapon Britain Improves On Luftwaffe

(By "Reuter's" AIR COMMENTATOR)

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Important tactical decisions concerning future battle co-operation between the R.A.F. and the British Army have been reached. The object is to improve on the traditional role of the Luftwaffe operating with the German Army.

The decisions are the sequel to the creation of the new Army Co-operation Command of the R.A.F., which was recently announced.

An intensive training programme is now in progress in preparation either for an attempted invasion by the Germans or for operations by a new British Expeditionary Force. Aerial support for the British Army takes two forms—close and direct. Since the Battle of France, a new technique of close support has been developed. This form of support is most advantageous in a pre-determined large-scale attack.

Low-Level Bombing

Low-level bombing, for which medium bombers are particularly suitable, is being encouraged and exercises between squadrons and land troops are proceeding in various parts of Britain.

Direct support has been outstandingly successful in the Middle East. It isolates the battlefield, bombing the enemy's reserves, communications and, where possible, enemy aircraft on the ground.

Such tactics would probably be used against an enemy attempting to invade Britain. Direct support bombers would plaster the enemy's ships and barges, cutting off the landing force from reinforcements.

Neither of these methods in themselves is new; they were tried on the Western Front and in Palestine during the last war, but from a study of their full-scale application by the Germans last year, Britain is developing what is hoped will be an improved technique.

Premier To Broadcast

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Prime Minister will broadcast in the B.B.C. Home and Overseas services at 8 p.m. on Sunday, February 9.

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Convoy Attacker Shot Down

Destroyer's Direct Hit

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The British destroyer, Vandy, shot down a German Dornier twin-engined bomber which was attempting to attack a convoy.

An Admiralty communiqué says that a direct hit was made on the enemy aircraft which crashed into the sea. There were no survivors. No damage or casualty was sustained by the convoy or destroyer.

LATEST

Japan May Declare War On China

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Japan is considering a formal declaration of war on China for the purpose of demanding belligerent rights in order to establish a blockade of Rangoon and the Indian Ocean, according to the Scripps-Howard papers.

They add that Japan has first asked Berlin to bring pressure to bear on Moscow to get Russian supplies to China stopped and a non-aggression pact arranged between Moscow and Tokyo.

The papers also report that Germany is trying hard to bring about such an entente in order to free Japan's hands for a diversion in the Pacific in an endeavour to paralyse further American aid for Britain.

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Financial Transaction Between India & U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Financial transactions involving nearly \$90,000,000 between the United Kingdom Government and the British Treasury to-day.

Holders of five Indian Government sterling loans are to sell them to the British Treasury at the price ruling at the close of business to-day. The British Treasury will then hand them over to the Indian Government at the same price for cancellation.

Payments will be made by the Indian Government out of the large sterling balances which have been accumulated by the Indian Government since the outbreak of war, as a result of the large increase of British imports from India.

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STOCK EXCHANGE

War News Bucks Up Depressed Shares

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, sentiment which was early depressed on taxation uncertainties sharply improved on news of the capture of Benghazi. Widespread small losses were generally regained.

Not gains were recorded in several sections of Industrials, including textiles and tobacco.

Oils improved while gilt-edged holdings and South African mining securities were generally unchanged on the day.

Among the foreign bonds, Belgian four per cent, stocks continued to advance. Wall Street was dull and easy.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

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2-Kind of fruit
3-Extraneous action (col.)
4-Wicked deed
5-Constellation, The Wolf
6-On summit of
7-Whither
8-Cutlery
9-Lith table-land
10-Extended areas
11-Clozy lecturer
12-Piling about
13-Hasten
14-Team (col.)
15-Ready to sail honor
16-Melody
17-Word of speech
18-In the past
19-Wicked deed
20-Act of reading carefully
21-Clums of marble
22-Dance step
23-Lies
24-Cut with scissors
25-Pipe connection
26-Short swim
27-Chamber
28-Opinion of male
29-Large deer
30-Zerited
31-Wholly unclean
32-Gulf on Arabian Sea
33-Noise in chest

DOWN

1-Agreable settlement
2-On top of
3-National industrial
4-Battery Act
5-Beast-like brew

6-Transparent substance
7-Strong liquor
8-Mimic
9-Kind of joke
10-Natural lat.
11-Injury
12-Article on list
13-Medical portion
14-Kind of jewel
15-Playing
16-Deformed on
17-Alcoholic liquors
18-Ten week days
19-Pasturing over
20-Pasturing over
21-Maid's name
22-Push in water
23-Put in good humor
24-Dating from birth
25-Old saying
26-More absurd
27-Genre
28-Lord Advocate of Scotland (abbr.)
29-Intemperate agitation
30-Hymn No. 220, Benediction
31-Genus of the blue-frass
32-Proprietor
33-Ladies, Hymn No. 624, Sermon, Hymn No. 681, Benediction.

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

9 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins and sermon. Preacher, Rev. D. M. Richards.

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CHRIST CHURCH

(KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. H. A. Wittenbach To Preach at Matins

Sunday, February 9, Septuagesima.

9.30 a.m. English and 11 a.m. Holy Communion; 4.45 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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Service on Sunday, February 9th.

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all the Christian Science Churches will be "Spirit."

The Golden Text will be: "It we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5: 22)

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "God is Spirit; and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4: 24)

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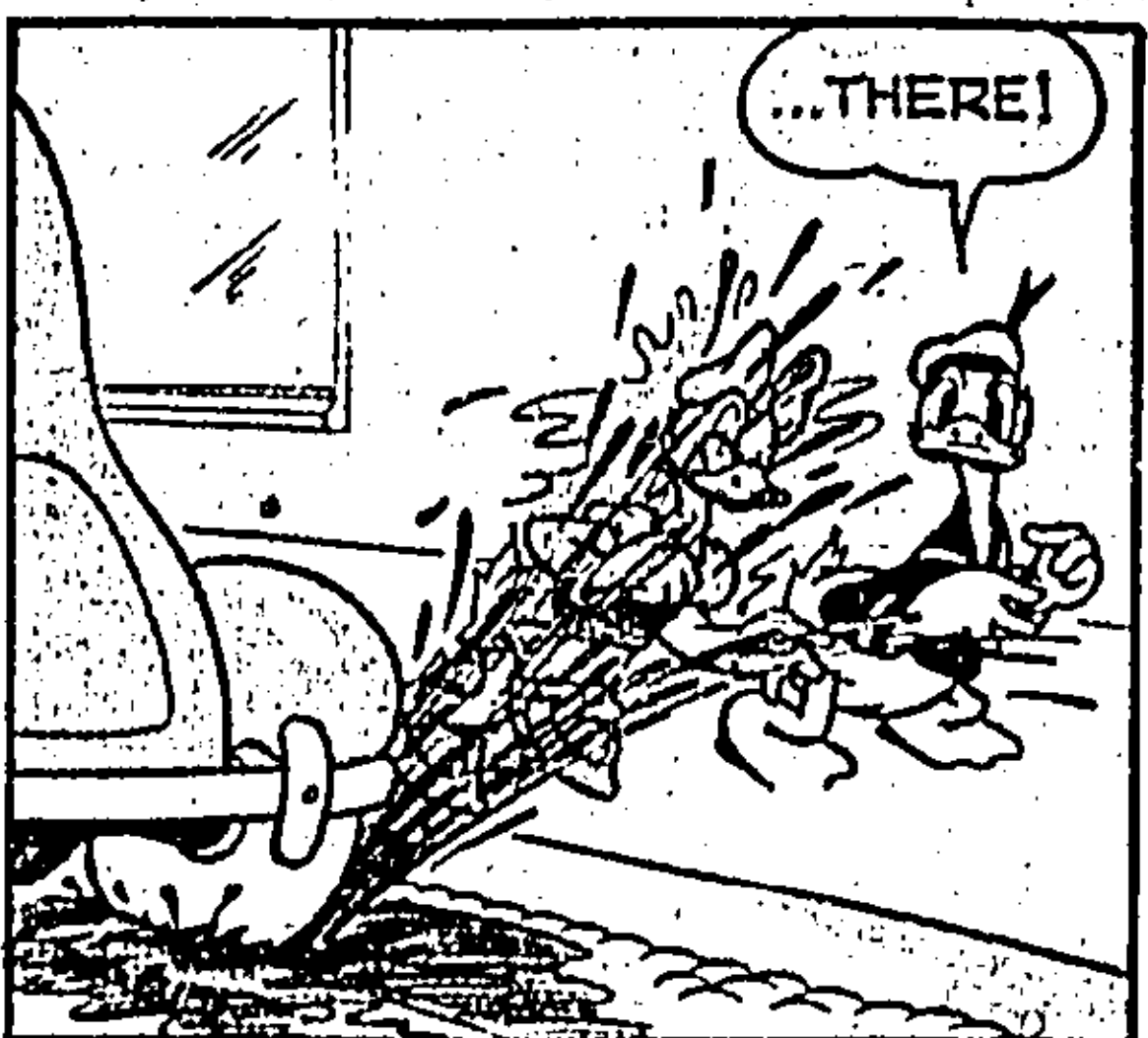
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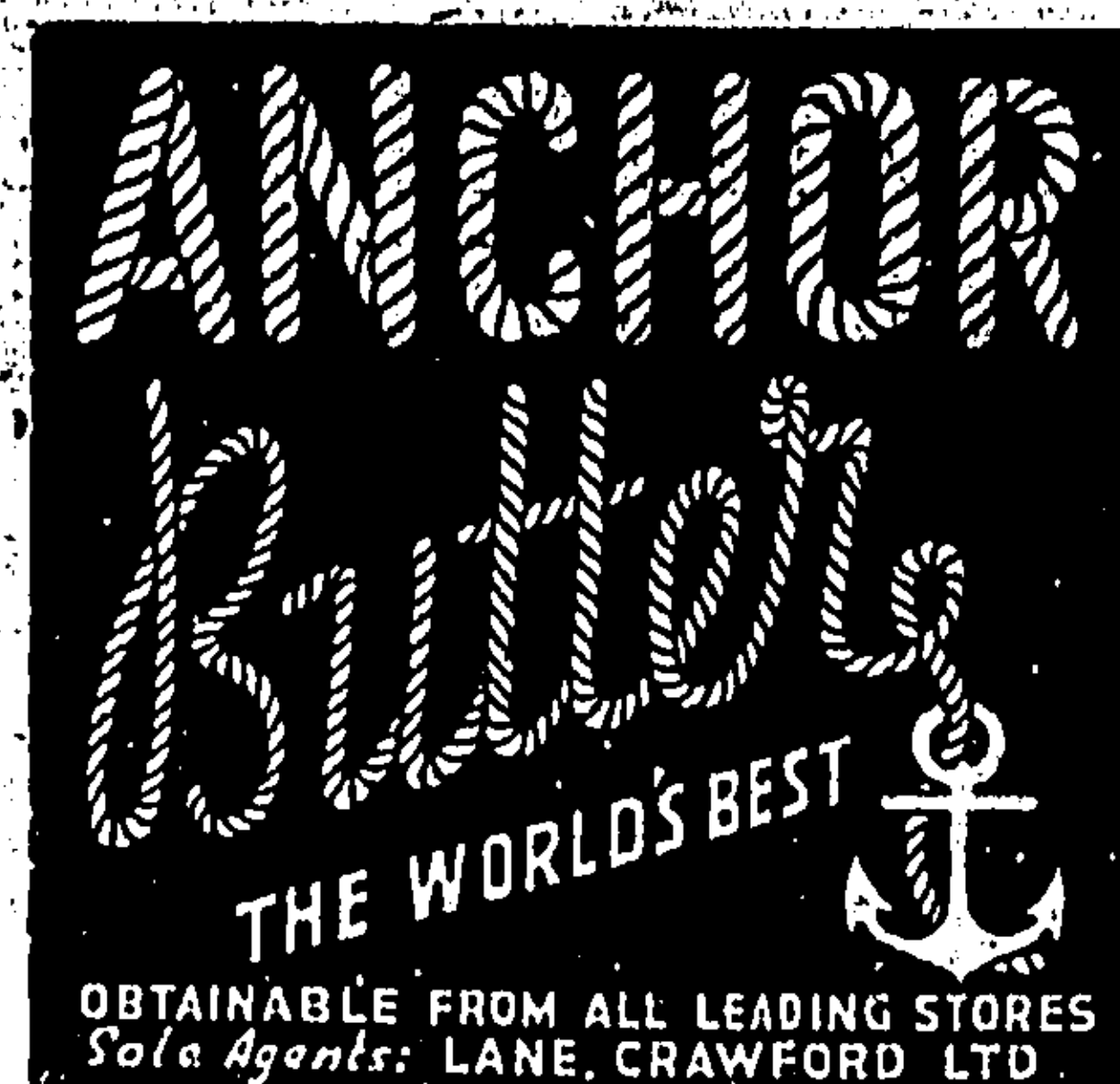
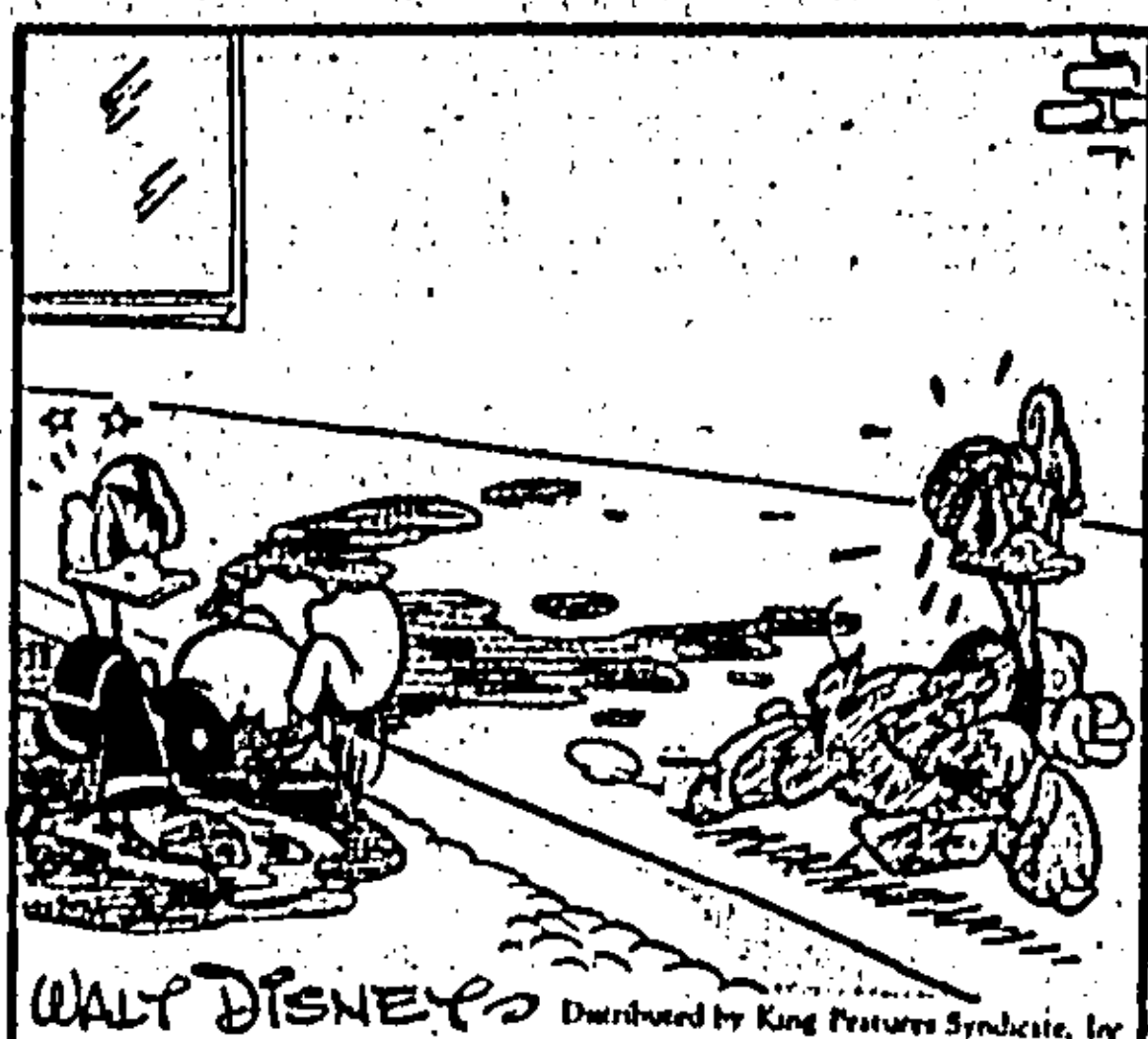
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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney



What a tremendous opportunity!

I refer to the report that Mussolini has appointed Count Volpi to negotiate with British interests for the evacuation of about 200,000 Italian colonists from Abyssinia.

If I were the Prime Minister, I would guarantee to deliver every one of them back to Italy, subject, of course, to necessary terms and assurances. If possible, I would use British ships, and insist upon "seeing them home". Such an act would be a crowning achievement in diplomatic propaganda. Imagine the object lesson to the Italians if their own people were returned home safely to their own ports in British ships. They could not ignore the humanitarian aspect on the part of the people against whom they have been forced to take up arms. What a homecoming for them! What a magnificent gesture! What a tremendous opportunity!

INDUSTRIALISATION OF HONGKONG

The vital importance of encouraging the industrialisation of Hongkong cannot be overstressed. The prosperity of any race or country depends upon its industrialism, and both the inhabitants and the Government must do all in their power to establish a firm foundation on which Hongkong's future prosperity will be built.

England progressed centuries ago because of the industry of her people, and because of the encouragement given to those who became her "shop-keepers". The gibe of the past, that "England was a nation of shop-keepers" was actually a tribute to the enterprise and industrialism of her people. Let Hongkong remember that.

Of recent years, factories of every description have sprung up in the Colony. They have carried the name of Hongkong to the four corners of the earth, and Hongkong has been the gainer in that the volume of actual trade (apart from goods in transit) has been largely supported by the export of goods manufactured within the Colony.

It stands to reason that factories, if properly supervised and controlled, are assets which every country must encourage. They absorb a considerable percentage of the population. They contribute directly to the revenue of the country, and they make it possible for their workers to make their indirect contribution.

Unfortunately, officialdom has, to a certain extent, hindered rather than encouraged industrialism in the past. The restrictions and difficulties which have been placed in the path of the pioneers have hindered the progress so desired. In spite of difficulties, much has been done, but much more can be done if judicious control is exercised and genuine enterprise fostered. The Colony maintains itself out of its trade, and the healthier that is, the greater the revenue so urgently required for so many needs.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ACCORD

I have often wondered recently whether the tremendous significance of Anglo-American accord is generally appreciated for what it really is!

It is more than a mere fusion of common ideals; it is more than a mutual understanding of a common problem.

TWO TELEGRAPH SATURDAY FEATURES

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By JOHN BLUNT

It is the greatest crusade ever undertaken by men of this world to defend the right, and to restore the happiness and freedom of alien nations who now lie crushed and bleeding under the cloven roof of the very devil incarnate. It is an accord not entirely divorced from fear—but it is a righteous fear, from which has been born a mutual determination to ensure that men, women and children of the British Empire and the United States never shall be slaves.

No words can adequately describe the momentousness of the

Anglo-American Crusade. In a sense it implies a determination to make certain that the fittest will survive—the fittest physically, mentally and, most important of all, morally.

How greatly this is appreciated by the United States has been evidenced by the inspiring and spontaneous gesture of President Roosevelt in going out personally to greet Britain's new Ambassador. It was a great, and yet a simple gesture. Great because it created a precedent in diplomatic procedure which will go down in history, and simple because it revealed the sincerity

which actuated such a departure from the conventional.

We are supposed to be an emotional race, but there are times when our feelings are deeply stirred, and I know that British people throughout the Empire were at first surprised, and then grateful, that such a spirit of frankness, kindness and understanding could exist. The first citizen of the United States surely sealed a bond between his country and the British Empire which will prove of lasting and mutual benefit to ourselves and to mankind in general.

CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

There is a parallel between Hitler and Laval in so far as both had to deal with the president of a state who was over eighty years of age. Hitler, who had a good many votes behind him, was able to sign Hindenburg's palmed hand to sign the document by which he was granted dictatorial power. Laval, without any popular vote behind him but by virtue of the fact that he was supported from Berlin, was able to impose himself upon Marshal Petain.

It was the same German buy-outs, therefore, which backed both of them.

Laval, who has the most unsavoury reputation in France, has had a rather tortuous career. He was on the suspect list in the last war, i.e. on Carnet B, which meant that he had to be watched by the secret police. He started as being belittled by his humble circumstances, on the left wing of politics, but as his wealth increased he moved to the right. It is said he owes his fortune to his association with Francois de Wendel, the potentate of the Comete des Forges. Cadette, formerly The Times' correspondent in Paris, says it came by more devious and even more questionable ways.

Year in and year out Laval wears a white washable necktie. Some attribute this to stinginess, some to its publicity value, and others say he needs something clean about him. A Socialist deputy once interrupted a speech by Laval in the Chamber with the words: "I wish your hands were as clean as your necktie." Such is the man who is nominated by Hitler to rule France.

There are two explanations of his quarrel and his arrest by Marshal Petain. According to "Time," Laval is said to have arranged for the body of Napoleon the First's son to be brought from Vienna and reinterred in des Invalides. Hitler and Ribbentrop were to grace the ceremony and thus show to Frenchmen their reverence for the greatest of dictators of the past. Hitler himself was to be there to indicate that the mantle of Napoleon had fallen upon him. Marshal Petain was informed of the arrangement and expected to proceed to Paris, and according to the plot he was to become the puppet ruler, or murdered. The old man refused to play the part assigned to him and so the whole affair fell through.

Another explanation is that Laval as the vice-president of the State had arranged for the French fleet to be handed over to Germany, as well as bases in the Mediterranean. Marshal Petain, who has a higher sense of honour, refused to be a party to the scheme and had Laval arrested. With the help of his numerous German friends he was quickly released and escorted to Paris by Otto Abetz, and there he has been ever since as the perfect tool of Hitler. He is the ideal fifth columnist who now threatens to turn France into another Rumania. Everything depends on Petain, who has the Frenchman's obstinate regard for the legal and logical interpretation of such documents as the armistice.

The whole business, however, is quite in keeping with the technique Hitler laid down in Mein Kampf—never to impose the harshest conditions, at the beginning but to put the screw on gradually until the nation's will is sapped and, finally, the victim collapses entirely under the strain.

The insistence on the reinstatement of Laval in the Vichy Cabinet

is not due to any affection Hitler may have for that gentleman, but it is intended to show that France is a defeated nation and must obey orders.

Assuming Laval gets back to Vichy, the question arises what will Weyand do in Morocco, and what will the French sailors do? It is hard to believe they will fight their ships, and still harder to believe they will hand them over to the Germans.

The present situation, however, does seem to justify the Prime Minister's action at Oran.

WILLKIE'S TOUR

Wendell Willkie has completed his tour of Britain, where he has been gathering evidence and impressions for the benefit of the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He praises the steadfast courage and high spirits which he has found in all places and which no bombs, whether incendiary or high explosive, can destroy. He is impressed with the unity that prevails in face of the common danger and with the friendly relations between workmen and employers. He regards Winston Churchill's leadership as inspired and inspiring. It is something of a miracle that the greatest crisis in British history should throw up the ideal leader.

It is clear that Wendell Willkie's testimony before the American Committee will be along the lines he has already indicated. He was at home in England, because he was at the source of American life, the fountain from which come those ideals of independence, justice, individual liberty and all those things which really give human life its value. Wendell Willkie was made to understand what these things really mean, how tenaciously they were being defended, how even life itself was of no account in comparison with the safeguarding of these splendid traditions. These things he saw enlarged, more important, and more vividly apprehended because they were in danger.

They are the principles of life which America holds in affection, but which cannot be enjoyed unless reaffirmed and defended whenever they are threatened.

BRITISH UNITY

Mr. Winters, formerly Belgian Minister of Information, writes of London as follows:—

"When I first came here, an English victory was for me a matter of conviction. To-day, it is a matter of certainty. There will be no war of nerves in England and no war of nerves in the English have no nerves. This people is today reaping the benefits of educational methods long applied in England, the effect of which is to develop character rather than intellect. I am struck by the calm discipline and civic spirit of this great nation. Everyone is at his post doing his job in the knowledge his neighbour is doing the same. There are no privileges and no

shirkers. A lord who refuses to observe the black-out is punished quite as severely as a crossing sweeper.

"Buckingham Palace has been bombed just like the humblest workman's cottage. Tonight I spent eight hours in a public shelter full of workers and petite bourgeois. These people's good humour, cordiality and solidarity in distress is profoundly moving. During the whole of those eight hours, I heard no word of complaint or recrimination, no word against the authorities. Here once more are the deep roots of that great democratic tradition which ensures that the people has confidence in its rulers, because it controls them.

"There are no signs here of those divisions which reveal a state of decadence. The other evening, I dined with a City banker. He is nearer sixty than fifty. He patronised the Thames in a boat. His wife runs an ambulance. His daughter is a nurse."

Such is the testimony of a foreigner who has lived in England now for some months during the heaviest bombardment and such is the kind of report Mr. Wendell Willkie will take back with him to Washington.

GERMANS IN DILEMMA

The German broadcasts in the past week have been quite remarkable. Goebbels simply cannot understand the British mentality and so cannot interpret correctly anything he hears. The most astonishing talk in English on Tuesday was the severe castigation of British leaders for their straightforward warnings to the United States and the urgent demand for material aid. The British leaders were accused of exaggerating the difficulties of the situation in order to persuade America into doing something she did not want to do.

The speaker suggested that there should be two newspapers produced in England: one for America to read and one for British readers. This is the sort of thing that is done in Germany, where the right hand is not allowed to know what the left is doing. Somehow or other, the Germans cannot or will not understand that British people prefer the truth, however unpalatable it may sometimes be; they fight better when they know the worst.

The Germans were recently saying that Britain was beaten, only she did not know it; the ship of state was sinking they said, and the passengers should now be taking to the boats. The Captain and officers however were keeping the one life boat for themselves and letting the passengers drown. Now they do not believe this to be the case. In fact, they suspect it is a trap to lure Germany on to invading England. What is certain is that they cannot make head or tail of this situation in Britain, which they now believe is far stronger than they ever imagined.

JAPAN AND THAILAND

The events in Indo-China, where Thailand, or Siam, as the Americans call it, has been causing trouble in obedience to the demand for a new order in Asia, have led to an armistice being signed. Japan, who arranged the incident, now arranges

the peace, and as broker she will want a very high commission. Nothing demonstrates so fully the sad plight of France, as these vain attempts to exclude, first, the Japanese and, secondly, the Thais from Indo-China. France lies there with none to do her reverence—a miserable, emaciated body which attracts the vultures as well as the rats and the maggots.

Japan moves south at the command of Germany in the same way as Thailand move east at the command of Japan. These movements are preliminary to bigger events and no doubt will take a long time. The negotiations will be protracted, for the next stage is fraught with dire consequences and no one is anxious for zero hour to arrive.

MUSSOLINI'S MISTAKE

The Italians' lust for war is not quite as strong as their lust for victory. Mussolini declared war in June against Britain because he thought victory for the Axis was certain, and he launched his attack against Greece because he was convinced General Metaxas would see that his defeat was certain if he did not yield to the Italian demands. General Metaxas, however, replied by giving an order to his army to resist and added: "We shall win, but in any case remember the Greeks have always preferred Glory to Victory."

Here we see the difference in the mentality between the two peoples. The spirit that dominates the Greeks as they hurl the invader back out of their country is not to be found in the Italian army. It cannot be, since the Italian knows that deep down in his heart he is more engaged on a thieving expedition. There is no real inner compulsion. The thief caught redhanded is usually a sorry spectacle. His courage, never very high, at once deserts him and he is an easy prey for the captor.

The Italians in every way have sunk centuries to live down the horrible stain of dishonour, treachery and cowardice which has marked the Fascist regime since 1923, and especially since linking up with the Nazis in 1936.

It would be more than a military catastrophe if these immoral principles upon which Nazism and Fascism stand, were to prevail. The Greeks and the British, however, have shown that the enemy forces, however great, must yield before the assaults of those who are conscious of the righteousness of their own cause and of the fundamental evil nature of the enemy's.

LORD LLOYD

Lord Lloyd's death removes a vital figure from public life. As Secretary of State for the Colonies he recently made a special appeal for funds to buy mobile canteens. Hongkong Rotary Club immediately sent £300. The British Council, of which he was chairman, recently made an annual grant of one thousand pounds to the University of Hongkong which will be supplemented and enable twenty students from the interior of China to study here. As such scholarships will bring the University into close contact with educational institutions on the mainland, it is the sort of grant that will have beneficial and far-reaching effects. The Rhodes Trustees have also allotted a lump sum of £1,000 to Hongkong University for two scholarships to be held in Oxford.

Nazis' Plot To Kidnap Horthy

A PLOT to kidnap Admiral Horthy, Hungarian Regent, and set up a Nazi regime, has been revealed by the Hungarian Attorney-General in Budapest.

He said the plotters had planned to murder the Admiral's suite and force the release of Nazi leaders in Hungary.

The murder of the Hungarian Minister of the Interior was also planned by the Nazis.

They intended, also, to seize an arms factory and arm their followers. Szalasi, leader of the Arrow Cross Party (the Nazis in Hungary) was to have been appointed Premier.



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LEADING LEAGUE TEAMS EXPECTED TO WIN WEEK-END SOCCER MATCHES

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AS FAR AS THE Senior League standing is concerned, there is still no change with Sing Tao leading by two points with one game more than South China and Eastern trailing one point behind. This week's games will not, I am certain, affect the position in any way, as the leading teams should win their matches.

THE FIRST ROUND shield games which were played last week found all four Senior Chinese teams entering the second round, and the next round will certainly find two of these four clashing. Most of them had quite an easy passage, but Sing Tao were decidedly fortunate to emerge winners by the only goal scored. Thanks to the brilliant efforts of their keeper, Cheung Wing-choi, they managed to survive; this was not the first occasion in which the keeper had saved them from defeat.

The only league game this week in which a surprise may be caused will be in the Navy-Eastern game to-morrow. Navy have been weakened by the transfers of three of their best players, namely, Robinson, Honeywell and Phippens. But against that they have now included Giff, Layhe and Wharmsey; and Giff to my memory has played quite a few useful games.

Giff has the making of an excellent custodian, and his displays have been worthy of his predecessor. In this department, the Navy need have no fear. Both Layhe (I believe he has been promoted from the second eleven) and Wharmsey are stout defenders, and the latter should develop into a first class back. With the robust Britt on the left, Navy's intermediate line, if they are able to co-ordinate, should be able to counteract the moves of the fast Chinese forward line.

But the mainstay of the Navy's defence will be found in their pair of hard-kicking backs, whose past displays have stamped them as a class by themselves. Eastern's forwards will have to be extraordinarily alert to get past them. Roughley will find Hau Ching-tau a nuisance with his dashes but O'Regan should be able to cover Chung Yung-sum.

Loose Forwards

I have in the past harped on the individualism of the Navy's forwards, and here again, their rise or fall will depend to a great extent to-morrow on whether they will be able to play as a team. There is always that lack of combination in them as a unit which has lost them many a game.

Eastern will, in all probability, play with the old team now that N. Z. Lee is back in Shanghai. The defence will be the same as last week, and the only change will be that C. T. Tsao will take over his old berth. As a team, Eastern can always be relied upon to come off, and now that their chances of overhauling the league leaders are still bright—as a slip by Sing Tao or South China will place them again in a fighting position—they cannot afford to take matters lightly.

The strength in the two teams will be found in attack, where the Chinese have the edge over the sailor. The sailors' defence will have to be on the alert, and if support from their attack is forthcoming, and provided the defence is able to hold out, a

Week-End Soccer League Games

The following are the Hongkong Football League fixtures for the week-end.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Kowloon (Club) 4.15 p.m.
Police v. R. Scots (Boundary) 4.15 p.m.
South China v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill) 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

ICt Che v. R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's) 2.45 p.m.
Sing Tao v. Club (Club) 2.45 p.m.
R.A.O.C. v. R.E. (Military) 4.15 p.m.
Police v. Kowloon (Boundary) 2.45 p.m.
30th R.A. v. M'zex (Stanley) 2.45 p.m.
South China v. K. Wah (Caroline Hill) 2.45 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

Shell v. R.E. (St. Joseph's) 4.15 p.m.
R.A.M.C. v. 35th R.A. (Military) 2.45 p.m.

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Navy v. Eastern (Navy) 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v. R. Scots (Navy) 2.45 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

30th R.A. v. Signals (Sookunpoo) 4.15 p.m.
20th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Sookunpoo) 2.45 p.m.
International v. A.S.A. (Chatham Road) 2.45 p.m.
R.A.F. v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Road) 4.15 p.m.

Surprise in this match is not impossible.

Can Kowloon Do it?

ALTHOUGH beaten last week by Kwong Wah in the shield, I am certain Kowloon will go all out to oust the league leaders from their present standing. They have a tall order ahead of them as Sing Tao will fight tooth and nail to maintain their present standing.

Even with new blood like B. Gosano, Pereira and Remedios, Kowloon will have to maintain their present standing.

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An Eastern forward scores in the Senior Shield soccer match against the Combined R.A. last Sunday after drawing Minshall, the R.A. custodian, out of his charge. The Chinese won the encounter by three goals to nil.—Ming Yuen.

Canuckettes And Wahoos Top-spot Softball Card

(By "BALL FAN")

THE MAPLE LEAF Canuckettes and Fan Leo's shamrock Wahoos are scheduled to top-spot a revised five game softball programme at the Kowloon ball park over the week-end. The girls' encounter has been earmarked "all-important" and the gashouse gang should be out there in full force.

THE MEN'S SENIOR LOOP will feature the leading St. Joseph's burly ballhawks in an easy win over the lowly Filipino Club. The fast travelling Indians are booked to take on C. B. C. while the Marauding Mohawks will be out to resume their winning ways with Omar's Cyclones as their victims.

THE crappy V.R.C. nine have a golden chance to tie up the leadership in the Junior loop with a win over Royal Scots. Recreio Bees clash with R.A.F. for the third place spot, while Liga take on an improved South China gang.

Opening the five game card at K.F.C. the star-studded Wildcats should find easy pickings in an amazing one-sided cage-score against the "down, out and yonder" Las Florinas team. This game is set for 9.30 a.m. The

However, hurler Mary Ng, ace of Hongkong slubsters, is tossing them over in brilliant fashion, and will rally her teammates together for a last-ditch stand.

The green-shirted Owls also lay plenty of hope on their mound star Terry Noronha, and this tough-going game should develop into a mound duel, with the team playing staidier ball called to win.

Task For Indians

THE flashy Indian ball chasers take on Abe Liu's C.B.C. boys at 12.30 p.m. with Harry Campos, V. Marques and Al Leonard refereeing. Fresh from their spectacular victory over the Mohawks, which pushed them up into the pennant fight, the Indians must play top-notch ball to defeat the Chinese gang who are always in there hustling. George White, Bud Fisher and Ducky Lim have been playing classy ball behind the steady influence of the veterans, and with Nip Lum, Tommy Chan, Wally Ching, et al playing heady ball, real trouble is always ahead for the opposing teams out there on the diamond.

AT 1.45 p.m. St. Joseph's league-leading ball hawks meet Dave Amper's Filipino Club with A.R. Kitchell, K. Nazarin and A. N. Other calling them.

The Saints pack too much willow-power for the Island boys and should breeze home with a win in a mere whiff.

Moundsman Charlie Manson will be seeking his third straight triumph, while Dave, the old terror himself, Stan Leonard and George Sousa will be out to make it a real running afternoon for the Island outer garden trio.

THE nightcap at 8 p.m. will bring together the five nation Mohawks and A. M. Omar's fighting hurricane boys from Cycloneville. The Tribe threat was silenced last week by a spectacular playing Indian nine, and Honus Waggoner's braves must take this one to remain in the flag chase.

After a session in the dugout, Cy Jones is slated to start on the mound.

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League Standing

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	9	1	.900
Wildcats	9	1	.900
Wahoos	7	3	.700
Parthenes	7	3	.583
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Recreio	6	6	.500
Las Florinas	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa Maroons	0	11	.000

MEN'S LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Indians	8	3	.727
ILK.B.C. Mohawks	7	4	.636
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio	5	4	.555
Chinese Baseball Club	4	5	.444
Philippine Club	2	7	.222
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

Second Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	8	1	.889
W.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio II	6	3	.667
Compositians	6	4	.600
South China	4	4	.500
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
Royal Artillery	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

INTER HONG

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hongkong Bank	3	0	1.000
Texaco	4	1	.800
Shell	3	1	.750
Chartered Bank	2	2	.500
Lucas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	3	.000
Greenpols	0	4	.000

petite fleur gals (in their rookie year at this sport, have shown keen interest in learning the fundamentals of the game, and we're all pulling for them to continue their display of eagerness which should bring about improvement—in time. Nick Beltrac, Charlie Figueroa and C. Marques are booked to handle this one.

"Do or Die" Game

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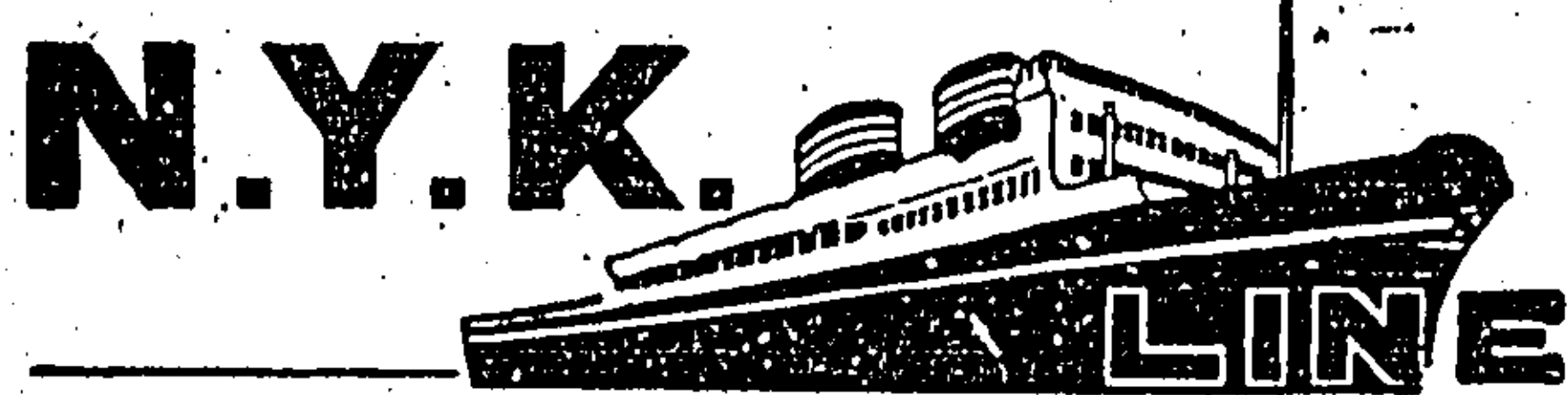
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Leading Soccer Teams Expected To Win Games

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loon's efforts were unavailing, and despite the good work put in by the defence, the forwards with the exception of Gosano were not so very impressive. Against Sing Tao, they will no doubt be on a much better footing, and here again, the defence will have to be their backbone.

Mak Shui-hon was able to adapt himself immediately to the play of Hou Yung-sang last week, and therefore the absence of Lee Tin-sang was not so much felt. The defence is now quite sound, and with Cheung Wing-chol playing at the top of his form, Kowloon will find it pretty tough going to penetrate their defence.

The forwards can always be relied upon to obtain goals. The two wingers are now capable enough, and the wizard Fung King-cheung supplying the deft touches the League leaders should maintain their standing.

Wise Police Move.

A good game should be seen at Boundary Street where the guardians of the law are entertaining the Royal Scots to-day. Though their win over the Royal Navy is still fresh in their minds, Police will still have to play better football in order to overcome the soldiers.

A new player in Mak Hon-fan in the Police defence is certainly an asset to them. No wonder they are able to relegate Parker to the Junior division. Police are still a menace to any senior team.

Now that they have included at least four Chinese players in their line-up, it appears to me that this wise move is all for the better, and so far the Chinese players have more than pulled their weight. The Royals will be playing with almost the same team, and with Fraser and Naysmith on top of their form and with Bankier better than ever, the Police will certainly have to be good to win.

Auld has now adapted himself to first division football. Larkins, a newcomer on the extreme left, a quite an acquisition, and his last display was good. With Auld leading the attack, Royal Scots should be able to give the Policemen a run for the points, and I predict that a division of the spoils will be the result.

Saints Weakened

DUE to injuries and other causes, the Saints have now found themselves very depleted in personnel, and the absence of Sammy Tsung in goal was badly felt. Auld, who has deputised for him, is yet very raw. The brunt of the Saints' work has so far fallen on the shoulders of D. Leonard, Bowen and Hussain, although the services of Lau Wing-kong in the intermediate line have been seen to good advantage.

Gomes has been on the injured list, and if he is fit again, his partnership with Cruz will constitute a danger, what with the roving methods of their leader MacDonald. Their forward line, although small in stature, is quite fast on the whole, but very often lack of combination has spoilt many a good game for them.

South China, on the whole, will find very little difficulty in overcoming the Saints, as their present line-up is good enough to withstand any opposition. Their defence is playing right at top form, and should easily keep the Saints in check.

The forwards are a fast and brainy lot, and goals are their specialty. Chow Man-chi has now developed into a schemer, and he has often paved the way to goals. Without the services of Lee Wai-long, their game to-day will prove no problem to them.

Owing to Volunteer duties, the Club are unable to field a team, and their match against the Middlesex to-day has been postponed.

Canuckettes In Softball Card

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this week in an effort to halt the speedy Cyclone crowd.

Since their brilliant victory over the U.S. Navy on New Year's day, the Iroquois tomahawk-wielders have had a real long session with old man slump and are due to break away with a "heap big" spree at any time now.

References for this one are Johnny Alvares, Al Leonard and A. V. Gosano.

Junior Loop

IN the Junior loop, South China clash with Liga Portuguesa in a mid-section game at 9 a.m. Bill Kwan's Chinese boys almost took the leading Chung Hwa nine into camp last week and are favoured to take this one against Daddy Sousa's ball tossers.

Michaelmas Mendonca's Recreio Bees will attempt to put the slings on the high-flying R.A.F. fighters. The third place spot is at stake in this important tilt, and both teams will be in there with the "all out to win" signal labelled on their willow-wands.

At 11.30 a.m. V.R.C. are favoured to come through with a win over Royal Scots which will land them in a tie for the leadership with Chung Hwa.

The aquatic stars show a dazzling pair in Roy Maxwell, fast moving shortstop, and Ernie Ribeiro, fly-shagging left fielder, and should take this game in a hurry.

The following is the programme:

GIRLS LEAGUE

(at K.F.C.)

9.30 a.m. Las Florinas Vs. Wildcats

11.00 a.m. Canuckettes Vs. Walhocs

MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

(at K.F.C.)

12.30 p.m. Indians Vs. C.B.C.

1.45 p.m. Filipino Club Vs. St. Joseph's

3.00 p.m. H.K.B.C. Vs. Cyclones

SECOND DIVISION

(at Chatham Road)

9.00 a.m. South China Vs. Liga.

10.15 a.m. Recreio B. Vs. R.A.F.

11.30 a.m. Royal Scots Vs. V.R.C.

INTER HONG

(at Marina Ground)

10.30 a.m. Hongkong Bank Vs.

Garrison Snooker League Starts

Royal Army Medical Corps, who have one of the strongest teams in the Garrison Snooker League, made an excellent start this week when they won a clean sweep against Signals "A", who were beaten by six frames to nil. Other scores were:

Royal Corps of Signals and Garrison Royal Police shared six frames; R.A. Sergeants' Mess, Stanley, and Royal Engineers "A" shared six frames; Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess beat Pay Corps five frames to one.

GOVERNOR AT BOWLS

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, will entertain the Bowlists at Government House on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

LAI WAH CUP FINAL

At a meeting of the League Management Committee of the Football Association, yesterday, it was decided to play the Lai Wah Cup Final between the Civilians and the Army on the Club ground on February 19 at 3 p.m.

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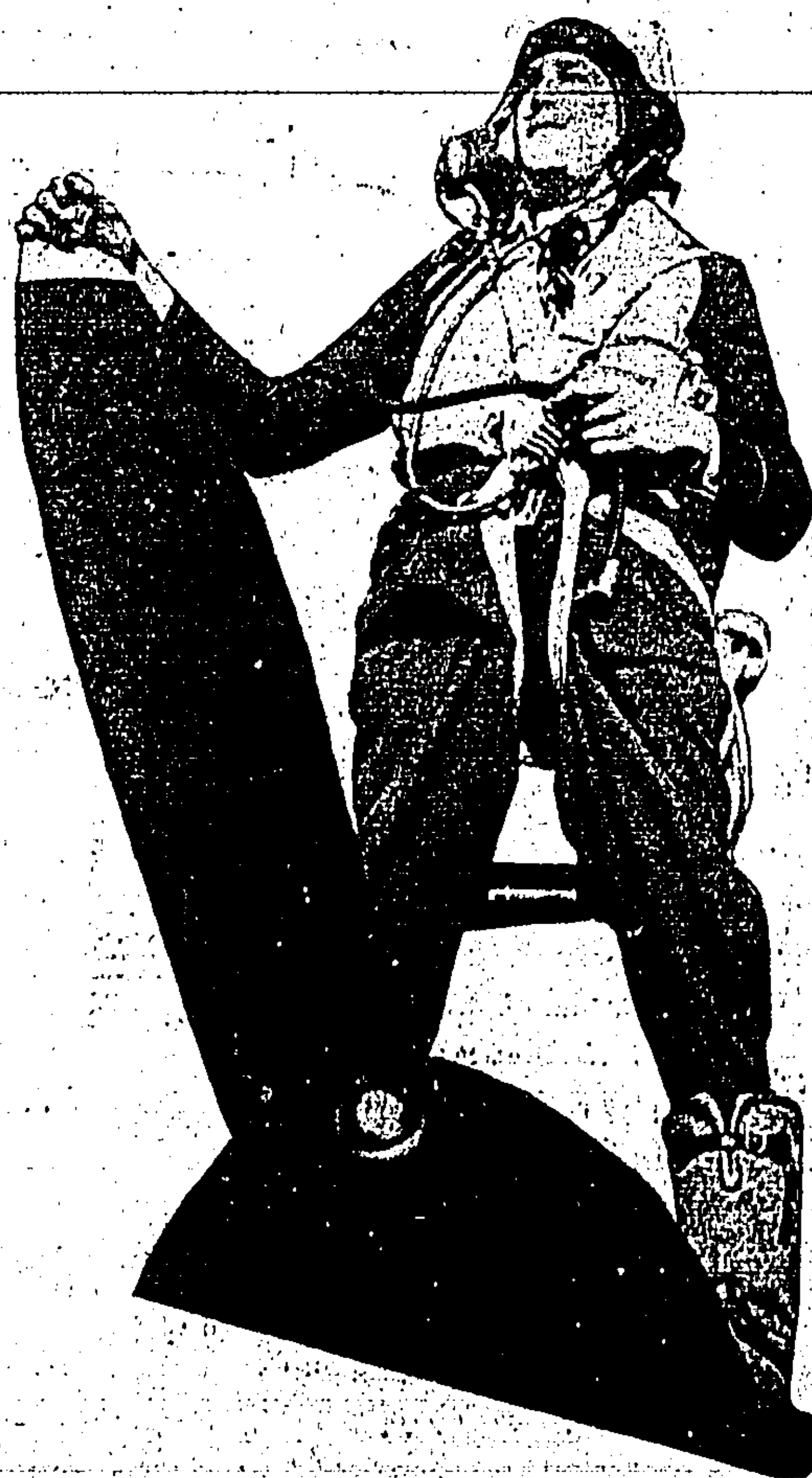
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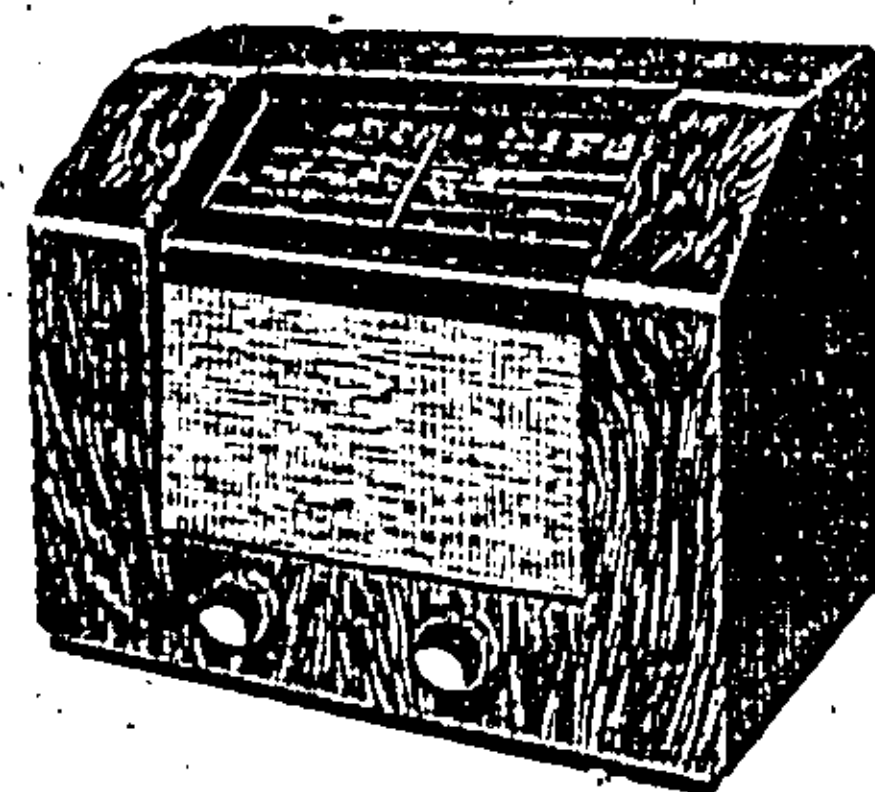
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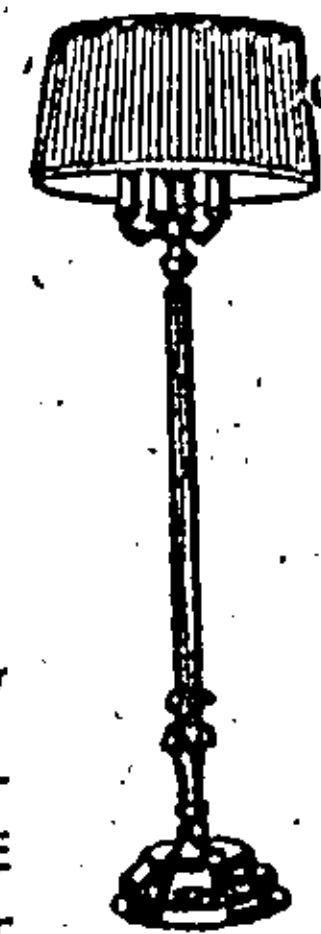
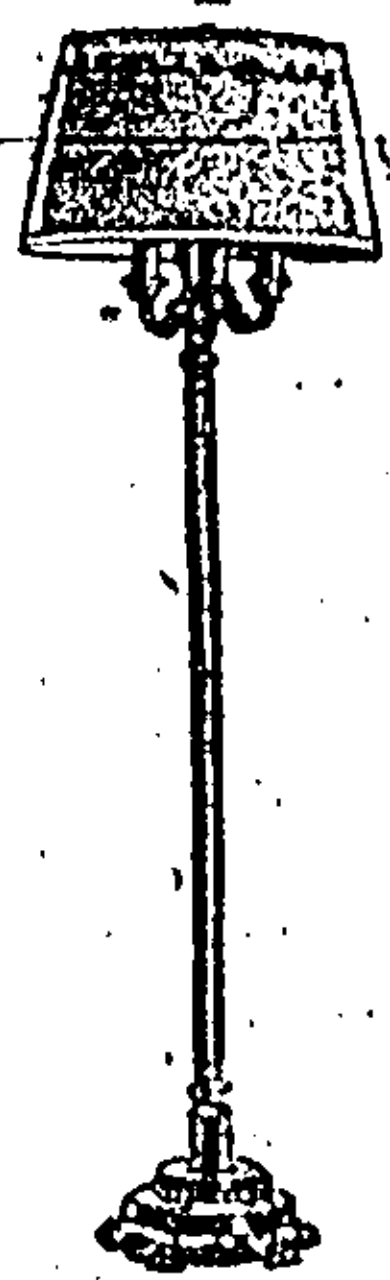
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WHITHER FRANCE?

THE world's attention during the past few days has been focused with renewed interest on Vichy, and the 64 year-old Marshal Pétain on whose strength of character to uphold what he considers to be the standard of French honour, so much depends. It is difficult to imagine a more difficult task than that facing the Vichy Cabinet, threatened by Germany and blocked by men whose national and personal honour take secondary place to their own individual aspirations.

Due to very strict censorship it is extremely difficult to follow day by day developments at Vichy, but one thing stands out clearly; the pressure which Germany has exerted on Marshal Pétain since the armistice has greatly increased in weight during the past few weeks. Hitler knows that he must soon take decisive action against Britain. Time is no longer on his side, and the urgent demands for the release of the French Fleet is an indication of his great need for greater naval strength than he now possesses.

Pétain plainly trying to find a modus vivendi between those Frenchmen who would defy Germany regardless of results and those who, like Laval, would go so far as to declare war on Britain if such an action would benefit Germany, whom they regard as virtual masters of Europe. When Marshal Pétain first signed the armistice with Germany it is almost certain that he was convinced Britain could not hold out and it is possible, with the restricted flow of news through German sources since then, he is still doubtful as to the final outcome. He believes, therefore, that he is faced with the prospect of living under the "new order"—an order which he is trying to mitigate in so far as it lies in his power and certainly in so far as the honour of France is concerned. At the same time it is commonly known that Marshal Pétain has long disapproved of many French institutions and in particular of the efficacy of the French parliamentary regime. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should envisage a new France, tempered by its political as well as its geographical proximity to Germany. As he recently stated, his aim—by breaking with the past—were to restore community discipline, to restore quality in labour, fecundity in family life and a more compelling, persuasive sense of La Patrie.

Mr. Laval, however, is throwing his shadow over the Marshal's efforts. For various reasons his sympathies and his hopes of a successful career lie along the path Germany would have France tread. His open antipathy to Britain, if it did not actually spur him on, would add savour to the mass of pettiness he is, with German co-operation, endeavouring to force the Marshal to swallow.

South Kwangtung Fighting

Fighting At Tamshui

WAIYUENG, Feb. 7 (Central News).—The Japanese troops who landed at Aotow, a small village on the sandy beach of Blas Bay, have been checked at Tamshui, ten miles inland from Blas Bay, on their drive toward Waichow.

A part of the force pushed northward from Tamshui on Wednesday morning but was driven back. Fighting continues around Tamshui. Japanese troops driving from Shumchui to Pingtung, the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway have been forced to turn eastward after encountering stiff Chinese resistance. They first moved to Wongkong, six miles to the east of the railway, and thence to Lungkong, north-east of Wongkong. Both Ping-wu and Wongkong are now cleared of Japanese troops.

According to a report from Sze-wai, a Japanese attempt to land at Chanchuen in the Shuntak district on Tuesday morning was foiled by the Chinese. The invaders retreated at noon, abandoning many dead.

INDIA'S GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS

Viceroy's War Purposes Fund

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—With spontaneous gifts pouring in at an average monthly rate of £127,000, the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund totalled well over £2,000,000 at the end of last year.

Of this total, over £1,000,000 was sent to England, including £600,000 for the R.A.F., £113,000 for the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Fund and £24,000 for the British Red Cross Society. Payments made in India from the Fund included £175,000 for warplanes and £50,000 for amenities for the troops.

Important People Arrive In Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 7 (Domei).—Mr. Eugene H. Dorman, Counsellor of the American Embassy, who has been in the United States since August on furlough, returned here to-day aboard the President Coolidge, reportedly because of the impending visit home of the Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew.

Mr. Tolstuchin, newly-appointed Tokyo correspondent of the "New York Times," who arrived aboard the same liner, declined to discuss conditions in Germany saying that he has not been there since last March but he said that Nazi preparations for an invasion of Britain appeared to have been completed.

Turning to the relations between Japan and the United States, Mr. Tolstuchin said, "There is no reason why we should go to war."

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The Government "Gazette" publishes for general information the present constitution of the Board of Examiners. They are as follows:—
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The three ex-officio members are members of the sub-committee for the examination of subordinate officers in the Police and Gaoi in English, Chinese and Hindustani.

Search For Nazi Air Ace

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A wireless message from Marshal Goering to the Royal Air Force was transmitted after the death in action of Captain Wiek, the German air ace, in November last year, says the German radio to-day.

Captain Wiek was shot down on November 28 and Marshal Goering radiated a message, asking for news of his fate. Two days later the R.A.F. replied that Wiek was neither in a British prison camp nor could his name be found in the list of identified German casualties, the announcer added.

He also said that German naval units searched the sea for traces of Wiek but failed to find any.

MR TAGGART

The many friends of Mr. J. H. Taggart will regret to learn that since his return to the Colony, he has been seriously indisposed. On account of his indisposition, Mr. Taggart has been advised to take a vacation, and will be leaving shortly.

The old French Marshal has, however, a determination which has hitherto refused to be dominated and though it is impossible to foretell the future, even the future of the next few days, it seems probable that he will continue to avoid, in so far as in him lies, coming to Germany the last bargaining cards France possesses—the navy and the Empire.

Expansion of Armed Forces in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The expansion of the armed forces of India has resulted in such a demand for ex-Servicemen that some 20,000 of them have already re-joined in various static roles in garrison companies and guards for bridges, strategic railways, prisoners of war, etc., thus releasing younger men for field service.

The flow of recruits for the regular army thus continues uninterrupted, and expansion programmes are proceeding according to schedule.

Many territorial units, which have been trained up to a certain point, are also being invited to join the regular army. In one instance, a whole battalion responded.

There is also increased enlistment for the I.A.C.C., where 500 young Indians are being immediately trained as responsible storemen (combatant) to replace British other ranks and act as reserves. There has been an increase of several hundred in the Viceroy's commissioned officers and Indian non-commissioned officers.

School Established
Provision is being made to train unit clerks (combatant) for cavalry, infantry and artillery. A school is being established for this purpose with an output of 1,200 a year. The regiment of Indian artillery is being strengthened by expanding the output in artillery schools.

Benghazi Taken In A Sandstorm

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and naval centre would fall to the British commander's strategy," said the announcer. "But the rapidity of the advance has taken the world by surprise, almost as much as the Italians themselves."

"A significant detail is the relief with which the British liberators are received by the Italian colonists in the African towns they take. 'Our congratulations go to our great ally. Well done!'"

India's Satisfaction
NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The fall of Benghazi is learnt with the utmost satisfaction here, where interest in the African campaign is heightened by the distinguished part played by Indian troops.

It was not generally known that the Imperial troops had advanced so far.

Cirenaica Controlled
CAIRO, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—With the capture of Benghazi, the whole of Cirenaica, apart from a few isolated posts south of Benghazi, is now in British hands, a military spokesman stated to-night.

The possession of aerodromes nearer to Malta and Sicily than any others at present available, is well worth fighting for. Moreover it is important on this occasion at least to forestall Nazi occupation.

Collapse Elsewhere
A general Italian collapse, however, is not confined to Libya. British advances into Abyssinia are rapid and highly successful. In Eritrea the British have captured another 3,500 prisoners since their attack opened. Prolonged Italian resistance does not seem possible to Italians in Africa. Even if they attempt a stand at Keren or Asmara both of these important places can be turned from the south and the British advance on Massawa continued.

In Albania the Greeks have overcome terrific problems of precipices, snow and poor roads and may soon be expected to burst into the more open coastal district which, it is hoped, will preface the early fall of Valona and then Durazzo.

Little Luftwaffe Activity

Britain Generally Quiet
LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Little enemy air activity occurred over Great Britain to-day.

During the morning, states the Air Ministry, bombs were dropped by a single enemy aircraft on a town on the north-east coast of Scotland, injuring a few people.

Another aircraft in the afternoon attacked a town on the East Anglian coast, where some damage was done and there were a number of casualties, including some fatal.

Pruning Plants

Having received complaints in previous years regarding the effects of the flowering privet, the Botanical and Forestry Department is prepared to prune down plants on Crown land adjoining private residences and also on private land, if requested by the occupiers of such land. All requests for pruning should be addressed to the Superintendent, Botanical and Forestry Department.

Flour A Reserved Commodity

It is announced in to-day's "Gazette" that flour has been added to the schedule of reserve essential commodities in Hongkong.

Progress Of Lease, Lend Legislation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Members of the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives are determined to send the Lease and Lend Bill to the Senate before the end of to-day with "no more concessions."

They are now attempting to remove the amendment proposed by the Republican Representative, Mr. Dirksen, on Monday, empowering Congress to terminate the Bill at any time.

The House adopted this amendment yesterday while 65 Democrats were out lunching.

Russia Mentioned
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—An amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill with special reference to Russia was defeated in the House of Representatives to-day.

The amendment sought to make Russia the only specific exception among nations "whose defence the President deems vital to the defence of the United States" and which, consequently, could be provided with military equipment from the United States.

It was defeated by 185 votes to 94.

Transfer of Sovereignty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives by 150 votes to 123 rejected an amendment of the Lease and Lend Bill to specify "transfer of sovereignty over territorial possessions in the Western Hemisphere" as among the methods by which foreign countries could repay the United States for her aid.

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COLONY'S ASSETS

The financial statement at the end of September, 1940, shows the Colony's excess of assets over liabilities to be \$18,734,073 to which is added \$5,717,584 revenue in October. From this total is deducted the expenditure in October which leaves an increased excess of assets, the figure being \$21,004,070.

S.M.C. CHANGES

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8 (Central News).—Mr. J. W. Carney, Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, will leave Shanghai to return to America aboard a President liner to-morrow.

It is learned that the S.M.C. has elected Mr. G. E. Mitchell, a Briton, to succeed him as Vice-Chairman.

Few Cruel Foster Mothers

ONLY five foster-mothers have been prosecuted for cruelty since London school-children were taken to the country at the beginning of the war.

Mr. A. B. Purton, president of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said:—

"We find the children are being received with kindness everywhere, often at great inconvenience to the people who take them in."

He also disclosed that, although many such complaints had come from other parts of the country, there were no cases on record of London mothers leaving their children alone in air raids.

Two mothers were accused at Manchester recently of this neglect. One was sent to prison for six months. The other was bound over.

Mr Hearst Files Libel Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (UP).—Mr. William Randolph Hearst and the International News Service to-day filed a half million dollar libel action against Friday Inc., charging that its magazine "Unbelievable," falsely accused them of receiving a monetary subsidy from Germany.

President Dan Gilmore of Friday Inc., issued a statement saying he was "willing to furnish the jury with all the information his company has regarding Mr. Hearst."

Currie Delivers Roosevelt Letter

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A personal letter from President Roosevelt was delivered to General Chiang Kai-shek to-day by Mr. Leuchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to China, who landed here by air from Hongkong.

Pep Talk To Germans

Hints Our Blows Got Home

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—"Danger hovers over everybody in Germany," declared Milch, Inspector-General of the Luftwaffe, in a talk on air defences in Germany, broadcast on the Bremen radio to-night.

General Milch added that because of this danger, everyone who believed in the future of the German people must remain calm and consider "how small is the total danger done by the English."

"Remember," he said, "that the great goal can be reached only if you clench your teeth and do your bit in the great task. It is a great thing if a tired-out worker, who spends half the night in the shelter, can clock in punctually the next day."

A.R.P. Stands Test

General Milch added that experience has shown that the A.R.P. service in Germany had stood the test and was a model for the rest of the world.

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Burma Road Bombed

Japanese Say Bridges Are Beyond Repair

TOKYO, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—As the result of a raid by Japanese naval aircraft to-day, both the new and old Kungkuo bridges on the Burma Road, which the Chinese have been repairing, have been "destroyed to a point beyond repair," claims a Japanese naval communiqué issued to-day.

The communiqué adds that the planes, which took part in a concerted attack, returned safely to their base.

Appointments And Resignations

The following appointments in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps have been approved by the Governor. 2/Lieut. E. L. Cunn to be a Lieutenant.

Edward W. Stout has been allowed to resign his commission. Mr. Cuthbert J. Norman has been appointed a Lieutenant in an Auxiliary Unit.

Mr. Joseph Prentice has been given permission to quit the Corps.

Snooker Match

The return snooker match between a representative Kowloon Police team and the R.A.M.C. will be played to-morrow at Whitefield Barracks, starting at 6 p.m.

MATCHES CANCELLED

Owing to the inclement weather, the Interport hockey practice arranged for to-day has been cancelled.

All the Y.M.C.A. matches have been called off as well.

The Senior League Cricket match between the Club de Recreo and the Indian R.C. at King's Park has also been cancelled, as has the junior match between the Indian R.C. and the Civil Service C.C. at Sookunpoo.

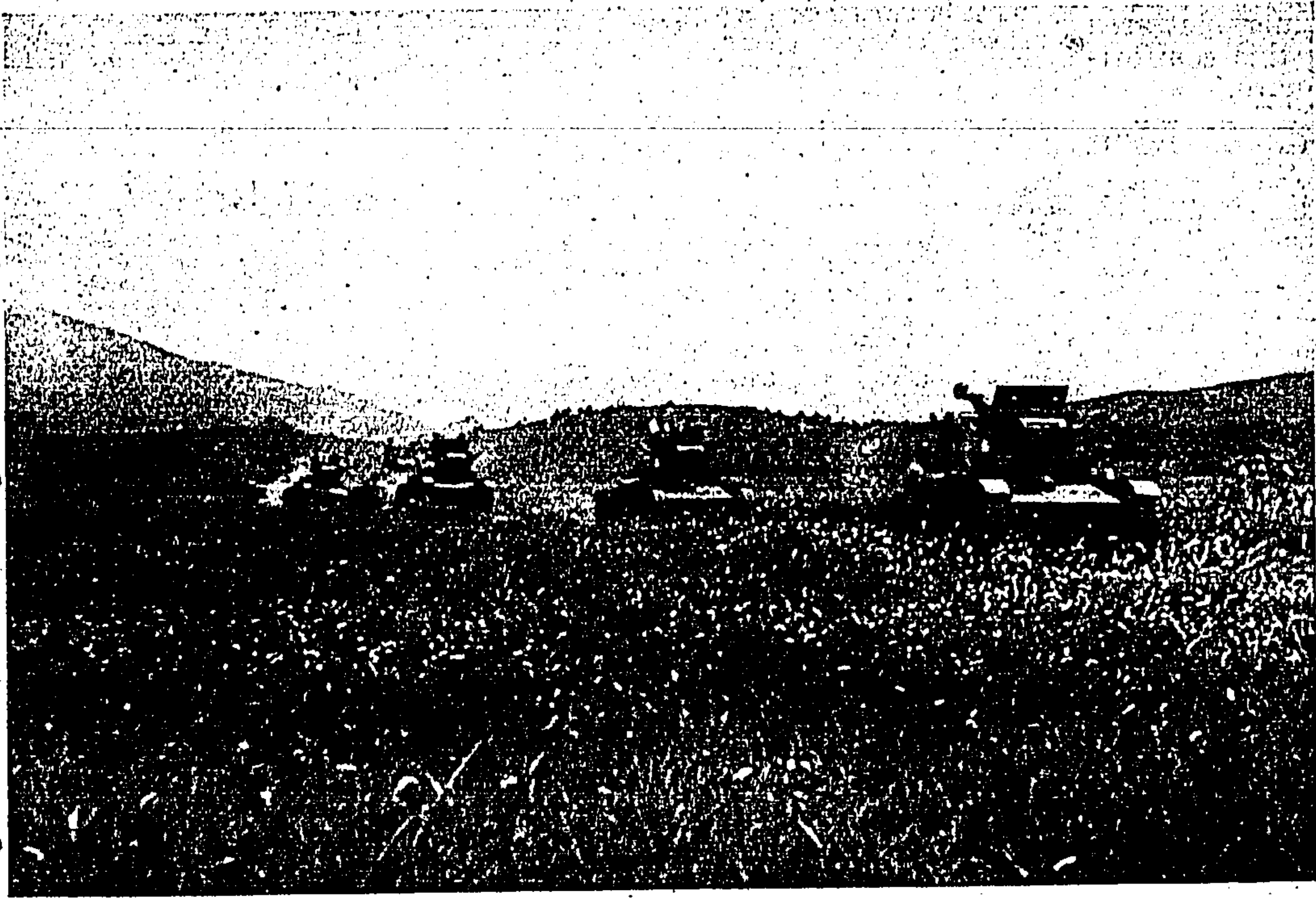
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Hongkong Telegraph

Magazine Features

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1941.

Many units are now mechanised. Here is a tank column undergoing manoeuvres.



TRAINING CHINA'S NEW ARMIES



A radio telegraphy class in a field communications school.



Soldiers at machine-gun practice.

Guided by the experience derived from nearly four years of fighting and supported by increasing foreign aid, China is to-day steadily moulding a modern army which she believes will not only restore her national independence but will contribute its share towards the wider struggle to defeat all the anti-democratic forces that now threaten civilisation. The pictures on this page provide some glimpses into the training of this new army.

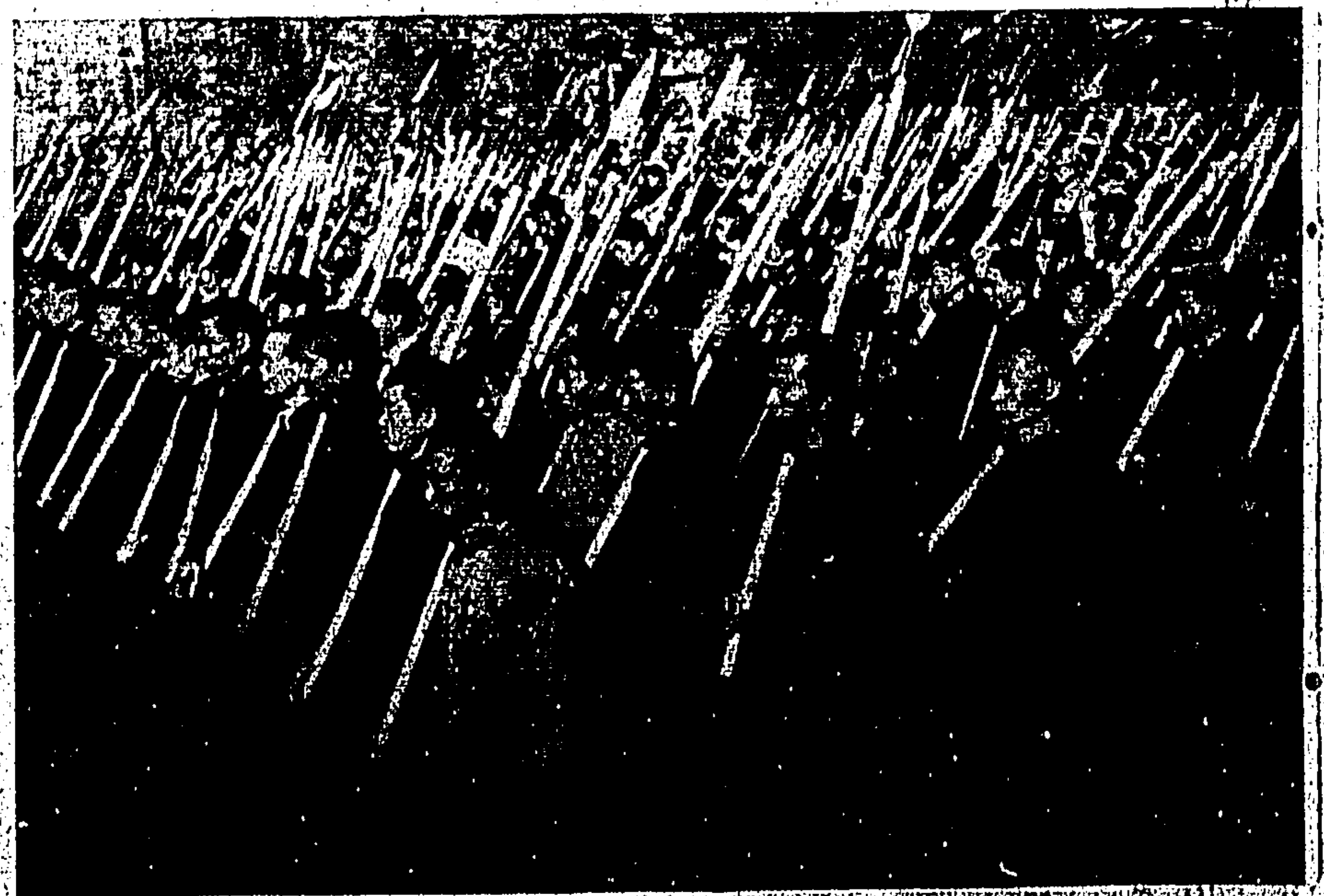
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Infantry soldiers, backbone of the new army, in training.



Soldiers at anti-gas drill.



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SENTINELS IN SILVER

The Balloon Barrage And How It Is Worked

Riding proudly overhead in their coats of silver, the barrage balloons have become a familiar war-time sight over London and an ever-increasing number of British cities, towns, and villages. A menace of the scheme. Soon to those who seek to destroy every vulnerable area, they are trusty, silent sentinels by night, watching over the sleeping millions below, and the same dependable friends to the busy throngs by day.

Though inclined to be capricious and a little uncertain in temper when the fancy (or, to be more accurate, the wind) takes them, they never tire in their well-doing. Winter and summer, cold or hot, rain or shine, they remain patiently on the alert. When the enemy seeks to cheat us of our food by sinking our convoys they keep him at bay; when he would dive low over our war factories and our homes they hold him at a distance.

Their primary duty is not to bring down raiders, though they have done so. They are designed to keep attacking aircraft at a height at which our guns and our fighters can get at them and from which no enemy, however skilled, can bomb with accuracy. In this they have succeeded handsomely.

A German pilot who would dive through the barrage is reckless indeed; he stands in grave peril of colliding with a cable which will tear the wings from his aircraft, sending it crashing to destruction.

Enough men to get things going had already received a specialised training. Those who were not in the regular Force had been along to the centres in their leisure time and had learned how to inflate and deflate a balloon, how to repair it and make new parts, how to handle a winch, and so on. Since the threat of invasion they have been taught to use machine-guns and rifles.

Nobody has ever pretended that a balloon barrage is a defence against indiscriminate bombing such as is the fate of London, but its presence does undoubtedly prevent raiders from selecting the targets they would like to hit. But for its balloons London would have suffered far more grievously from the thousands of bombs which have been rained on it.

That the Germans regard a balloon defence as a serious obstacle to their air activities is proved by the number of occasions on which fighters have been sent after them on special errands and over on special errands to destroy them. Many have been shot down, but as fast as one has been lost another has soared up to replace it. The importance attached to this form of defence is shown by the fact that almost every

Methods & Men

Like every other department of the R.A.F., the balloon defence has its own organisation. Balloon Command, with an air vice-marshal at its head, is responsible for the barrages throughout the country. Its regional control is maintained by groups, the largest of which is London. Four centres, corresponding to a division of the Service, subdivide the work of defending the Metropolitan area. Each centre maintains its squadrons, flights, and balloon sites.

The men who look after the balloons are a judicious blending of regulars, volunteer reservists, and auxiliaries. The Command is no war-time mushroom growth. Its roots had been planted firmly some time before hostilities began, so that when "the balloon went up" there existed a carefully planned scheme, linked up with the anti-aircraft batteries, for protecting our large cities and industrial areas.

Carrying On Alone

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If German troops landed from the sea or the air the men of the balloons know how to defend their charges, and they would also help the Army and Home Guard to drive the enemy out. If communications broke down, each squadron, each flight, or, if necessary, each site, could carry on by itself. Even if the organisation from the centre or the group met with failure, the balloons could still go on with their work.

The groups direct operations. They have a meteorological department to advise them on weather conditions, which, of course, have an important bearing on the working of the barrages. It is the groups which decide at what height the balloons shall be flown, when they are to be grounded, and when sent up again. They are linked to the squadrons by telephone and have other speedy means of communication.

In many respects a centre is a self-contained unit. It feeds, clothes, and pays the men of its squadrons, flights, and sites; it is responsible for the maintenance of

its not inconsiderable mechanised transport section; it has its own doctors, accountants, catering officer, butchers, cooks, police, and office staffs; it supplies, replaces, and repairs all its own balloons; it maintains a regular flow of inflating gas to the manning crews; and it has its own central depot.

Women's Help In Work

Thousands of yards of the specially proofed cotton fabric are used in the workshops for repairing the gas containers and making the air-filled "fins," or stabilizers, which give the balloons their animal-like appearance. Men do the heavier work, but the women of the W.A.A.F. have proved themselves expert in cutting and stitching the fabric.

Power-driven sewing machines enable a new part to be fitted in an incredibly short time. Surface parts which have to take the heaviest strain are reinforced on the inside by circular disks, known as diaphragms, and by strong tape. The women do this work, too.

Before a new balloon is put into service it is inflated with air by high-speed pumps in an inspection hangar. The same thing happens before and after a balloon is repaired. In these days of widespread raids, when heavy anti-aircraft barrages are put up to defeat them, repair work is fairly heavy, because

balloons are always liable to be punctured by shrapnel. It is of the utmost importance that the repairs and regular examinations should be carried out efficiently, for a leaking balloon becomes filled with a dangerous mixture of gas and air.

Every day each balloon in service is inspected, and unless the gas sample shows a regular degree of purity the container is deflated and refilled with new gas, which is sent out daily from the centres on specially designed trailers.

Daily supplies of food also are distributed by lorry from the centre direct to the flights, each of which has its own cooking facilities. The catering officers are men who are in the business in civil life; the butchers and chefs also are professionals. They have the most up-to-date kitchens and ovens, so that the men get excellent and varied food, cooked in a manner worthy of a first-class hotel. (This is no overstatement, I know because I have tasted it myself.)

How The Men Are Fed

Supplies are purchased in accordance with a diet sheet varying from day to day for each squadron. This not only ensures the men a change of food but prevents waste. At the centres' cookhouses the staffs make their own brawn, sausages, pressed beef, and salt beef. Since men operating in rural districts have been found to possess healthier appetites than those on city and town sites and in offices, they are given the heavier food.

When the meals have been prepared by the flight cooks they are taken by a quick delivery service to the crews on the sites. The men say that this arrange-

ment works quite satisfactorily. At the centres the cookhouses operate throughout the 24 hours.

Many of the London balloon crews worked under trying conditions in France, particularly during the German advance. One of the squadrons now guarding North London was in charge of the barrage at Le Havre, and as long as there were British troops to be evacuated the crews stuck to their posts. One by one their balloons were shot down by German fighters, but the squadron got back to England without a casualty and with a good part of their stores.

Backs In A Team

Working under these conditions was excellent experience, for the manipulation of a balloon is by no means as easy as it looks. In a high wind a balloon will sometimes behave like a stubborn mule, kicking out suddenly and unexpectedly, trying to hook itself round trees or over house-tops, electric pylons, or telephone lines. An inexperienced crew could soon wreck a great deal of property, not to mention the balloons and cables.

Before a balloon is inflated it is stretched on a ground-sheet or bed and connected to an intricate network of cables, pulleys, ground blocks, handling guys, and other mysterious tackle. The gas trailer is then brought up, and a 10-way filler is attached to the 10 cylinders at one end and the balloon intake at the other.

The inflation speed can be controlled by pressure. The winch is operated in exactly the same way as a motor-car. The driver switches on the engine, lets in the clutch, and the speed of sending up the balloon or bringing it down is governed by the pressure on the accelerator pedal.

When the balloon is hauled down it is brought to within a few feet of the ground by the mechanical process. The crew then range themselves around the bed and affix the handling guys, bringing the balloon down to a position from which an inspection or repairs can be carried out.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE REAL SOLDIERS

Further extracts from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

THROUGH the hot, dry days we stamped the face of the earth to dust under our iron heels.

Now the rain comes down in perfectly straight dull grey lines, sloped like the bayonets of the Guards.

We, under a roof, have completed an hour of revision, going over the Short Lee-Enfield magazine rifle point by point.

"And that," says the Sergeant, "is that. The Short Lee-Enfield Rifle, Mark Three, firing .303 ammunition. Weight, eight pounds ten ounces.

"The way some of you handle it, you'd think it weighed eight hundredweight. . . . The way you handle it—you over there—you'd think it weighed eighty ruddy hundred weight."

"And remember, your rifle is your best friend. The barrel must be kept spotlessly clean; the action must be cleaned bright and slightly oiled. When you get to Battalion, they shove you in the cooler for a dirty rifle—and rightly so."

Puttock, the Surrey man, the son of the mill with the eyes of a baby and the bones of a bull, says:

"What happens at Battalion, please, sergeant?"

Puttock so rarely speaks that we all look round at him. The Sergeant replies:

"At Battalion you stop being rookies, and you become great big hairy soldiers. Here, you see, we lick you roughly into shape. Like metal—we cast you. At Battalion they finish you.

"Listen. Here, we take the first rough edges off you; teach you the ropes. Here, you haven't got no responsibility, except to your King and Country; and no initiative.

"You're told every little thing you've got to do. You're herded about like sheep. Which you are—especially you, Ginger.

"All the time you're here, you're recruits: sort of apprentices. Don't imagine you're soldier yet; you're not."

"They make real soldiers out of you at Battalion.

"You've been grouching about not having any freedom here. Well, at Battalion you'll be free men. You can go out evenings if you like. Nobody tell you what to do.

"But you've got to get your work done. Go about with your boots in trip, and you'll go straight in the book. There aren't no spit-and-polish parades from 4 to 7 there—you use your own time, and God help you if you're lazy.

"Drill is cut down to a minimum at Battalion. They concentrate on real soldiering there—long route-marches, a hell of a lot of shooting with rifle, Bren-gun, and two-inch mortar; grenade throwing; bayonet-fighting; tactics.

"They teach you everything. When you pass out there, you can call yourself a Soldier—you'll be hard as rock, and up to every trick.

"Soon you'll be fit to leave here and go on to real training. You'll be free men, apart from your duties. Well? What more can a man want? Liberty—if you can be trusted to use it.

"Meanwhile, my pretty lads, you'll drill, you'll spit and you'll polish; and the better you shape the sooner you move up one. Get it? It's like leaving school and standing on your own feet!"

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. Mr Clarence E. Gauss is to succeed Mr Nelson T. Johnson as American Ambassador to China. Before Mr Gauss became Minister to Australia, what position did he occupy and where was he stationed?

2. With what sciences are these terms associated (a) rheostat (b) therm (c) ascendant (d) protoplasm?

3. To what constellation does the Polo Star belong (a) Orion (b) The Plough (c) Little Bear (d) Cassiopeia?

4. Where is Agordat, and who recently captured it?

5. The author of "The Waste Land" is (a) James Joyce (b) T. S. Eliot (c) Gertrude Stein (d) Samuel Goldwyn.

6. Calpurnia was (a) Caesar's wife (b) Boadicea's sister (c) a priestess of Thebes.

7. Name the famous Italian who invoked a curse on any Italian who refused to help Britain in her time of need.

8. Who invented fireworks?

9. A grobe is (a) the Irish name for meadow (b) an ecclesiastical term (c) a fish (d) a diving bird (e) a species of leopard.

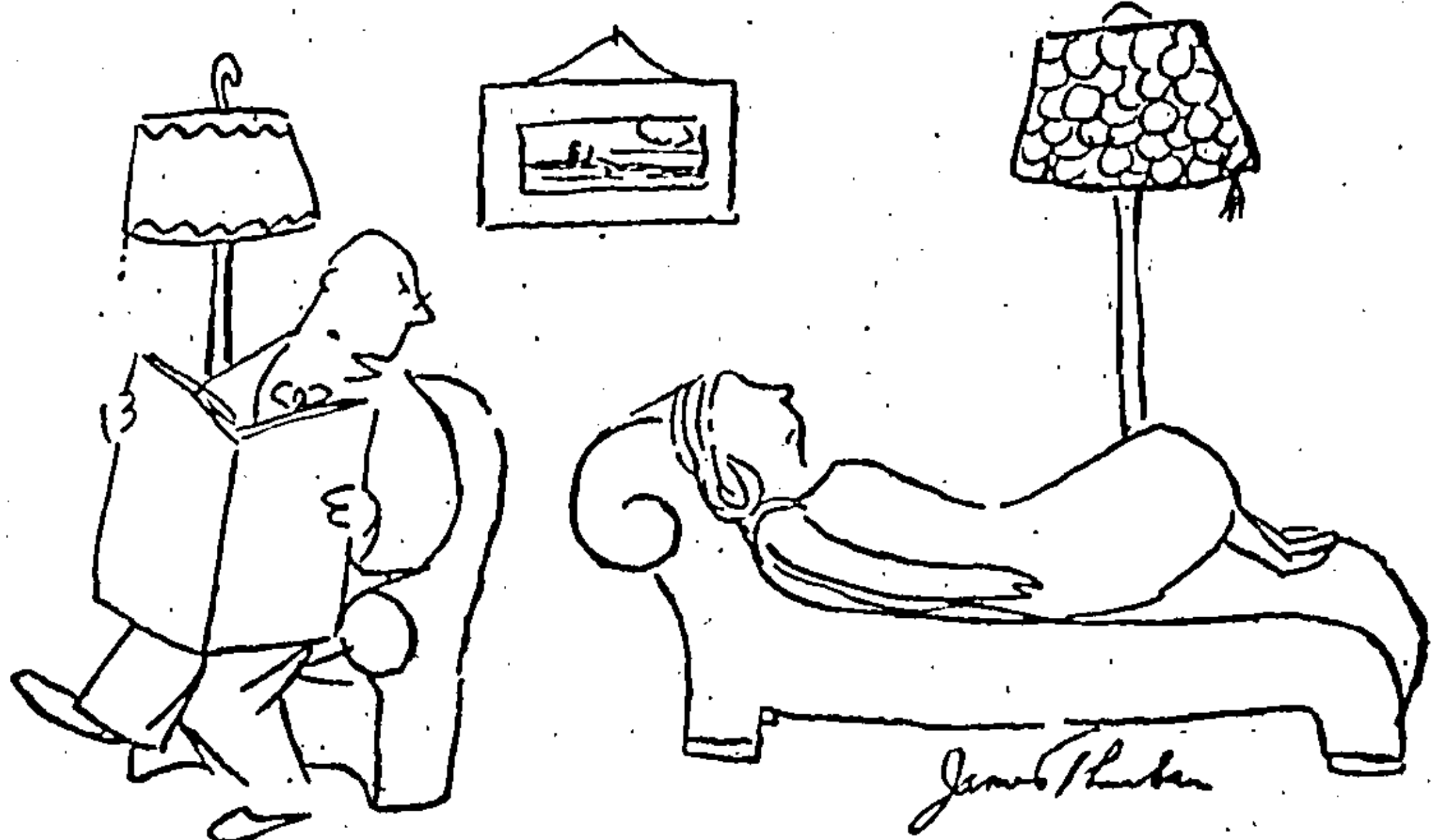
10. With what important national activity is Senator Martin Dies of the United States associated?

Answers on Page 14.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



"I do love you. I just don't fool like talking military tactics with you."

A disgrace to the Prayer Book!

By the Rev. W. Rowland Jones

CAROLE LOMBARD, fighting not only an epidemic, but a stubborn Authority which refused to spend money to help her, uttered a telling line in A. J. Cronin's film-play, "Vigil in the Night."

Heartbroken in her unequal struggle, where money could have saved little children's lives, she cries, "So much for everything else, so little for the sick!"

I shall remember the line, because I saw the film immediately after visiting a sick girl in hospital, who, for her cure, needed oxygen.

"I can't have any more," she said, "because in war-time it is too expensive."

So much for everything else, so little for the sick!

Hospitals In Need Of Funds

It isn't only in war-time that we thus so completely forget to practice our Christianity. In the year before the war our voluntary hospitals had to make do with 18 million pounds, which would have kept our armed forces, in peace-time, for just three weeks.

We are so proud of our voluntary hospitals—these shining examples of our national religion—yet, in that year, 1939, they could not pay their way!

We forced them into a huge deficit. The London hospitals alone found themselves overdrawn by nearly a million pounds.

So much for everything else, so little for the sick!

Perhaps a films case could be made out for saving money on healing during war-time. Could any sort of case be made out for what has recently been reported in the daily Press?

When market-gardeners of Lancashire found that they could not sell lettuce at a profit their vitamin-yielding produce was destroyed. It never occurred to them to give it to the sick. Or would that have been heresy against the God of Profit?

When there was a glut of fruit in the South, and the growers wished to send it either to the hospital four miles away, or to the Army camps, they could not get it conveyed. Petrol was wanted for more important things.

Wrong Way To Talk To Invalids

Why is it that in our Christian civilisation we are so casual and so close-fisted in our concern for the sick? I suggest that it is largely due to our Churches' wholly unchristian explanation for the existence of disease.

As a clergyman of the Established Church I am instructed, in the cases of sickness, to go into the sick person's house and tell him in unmistakable phrases why he is thus stricken down.

I have to say, first of all, that it is the doings of Almighty God. I have to tell the poor sufferer, whatever the nature of his disease, that he is to know, certainly, that it is God's visitation.

I have also to remind him what a stern and relentless Father he has in Heaven, who is really chastising him with fatherly correction. I have to urge the poor creature to take everything in good part, because the arrival of some painful disease is only a sign of God's love.

I am instructed to misinterpret some passages from the Epistle to the Hebrews and thus prove that disease is something sent to us for our good by Divine providence.

It is very comforting for the sick person.

When I was a candidate for Ordination the Bishop's chaplain asked me what I would do if there was a sick person in my parish. I replied: "If I wanted him to die, I would use the Prayer Book Service for the Visitation of the Sick!" Strangely enough, they passed me.

This teaching is contrary to the teaching of Christ. He spent three-quarters of His time on earth healing the sick, and openly said that disease was the work of the Devil, not God.

He would not even allow people to say that sickness was inevitably the result of sin. "Who did sin," they asked him, "this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither!" came the abrupt reply.

Some diseases are the result of the ungodly acts of man—overeating, over-drinking, lust, malice. But no question of Divine punishment is implied; it is an obvious law of cause and effect.

God is Light, and Life, and Health, and a man will live his life in harmony with God's laws, he will enjoy those precious gifts.

Ninety per cent. of sickness is preventable, if we are prepared to spend our money without stint and use our devoted doctors and research scientists for healing, without limiting their efforts.

How ready we are to use them for the purpose of destruction!

Disease Due To Lack Of Food

Medical men tell us that the chief cause of disease in this country is under-nourishment.

Sir George Newman, for 25 years Medical Officer to the Board of Education, says: "A substantial portion of our total population is not so well nourished as it ought to be in order to maintain full health and resistance to infection."

Sir George says that in 1910 it was stated by the Board of Education that defective nutrition stood in the forefront as the most important of all physical defects from which children suffer.

"That declaration," says Sir George, "has never been disputed. IT IS STILL TRUE TO-DAY."

The Church, if it is to gain the respect of the people, must lead in that attack. It cannot lead if it allows medieval and mistaken platitudes about disease to fill its service books.

Treasures Of The Church

There is a fine story of a clergyman in Rome who discovered the city slums teeming with sick. He sold his possessions and persuaded the bishop to sell the gold vessels of the churches and use wooden ones, in order to mitigate the sufferings of the diseased.

The authorities became suspicious and arrested him. "Surrender the Church's treasures!" they demanded. "It will take many wagons," he said.

Next day there rumbled into the Forum a great procession of wagons, full of blind, crippled, lepers.

"These," said the clergyman, "are the Church's treasures!"

You don't talk or act like that if you think disease is a fatherly chastisement from God. You do if you are convinced that it is of the devil, and that, by God's power, it can be conquered.

Why is it that Church and State will not expunge such blasphemy from our State prayers? Why is it that they are content to propagate the lie that God is the Author of disease?

In a humble attempt to de-carbonise the cylinders of a Church which won't get a move on to change the world, I give you the reason—

IT IS EASY TO BLAME GOD FOR THINGS WE CAN GET RID OF OURSELVES, BUT WON'T BECAUSE WE REALLY WORSHIP ANOTHER GOD CALLED MONEY! ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS SICKNESS; ANOTHER—WAR.

The New Aesop

THE IMPOSTOR

A CERTAIN Jackal who had been lucky enough to be the Lion's friend in the last great fight against the Vulture grew vain and ambitious.

So conceited did he become that he procured a Lion's skin, and covering himself in it strutted around the jungle saying, "Look at me! Am I not a Lion? And am I not a younger, more virile and braver Lion than any of you have ever seen before?"

The other animals were dubious yet somewhat impressed.

"Let us hear you roar," they said. At this the Jackal opened his throat and roared as loud as he could. It is true that his voice was really a tenor, but it was very loud and reverberated remarkably well.

A newspaper correspondent on board a British cruiser in the Mediterranean thought he was going to see a naval battle, but instead saw how

THE DUCE'S FLEET RAN

WITH the biggest naval engagement of the war but a few minutes away, a broad-shouldered sailor stood on the pom-pom deck in front of me, with both thumbs sticking up and a wide grin on his face.

"The Italians are going to get it this time, if they don't run home to mother before we can get at them," he said.

His words typified the spirit of the whole force of British ships as we plunged along at full speed to engage what we knew to be a superior enemy force.

Out on the horizon were at it believed to have sustained least two battleships, one of the damage. The only damage to latest Littorio class and one of our force was two shell hits on the Cavour class, seven cruisers, the Berwick.

four 8-inch and three 7-inch, and about twelve destroyers.

SMOKE SCREEN
Our hopes ran high as the enemy appeared to be turning towards our battle line, consisting of the 8-inch gun cruiser Berwick and a large number of other cruisers and destroyers, the battle-cruiser Renown, the Flagship, and a battleship.

But twenty minutes after the action began the enemy threw out a smoke screen and fought the usual Italian rear action, while running at high speed for safety.

After a 50-minute pounding the enemy ships escaped northwards. Our ships were then within a few miles of the enemy coast and were forced to abandon the pursuit as the superior speed of the enemy ships had taken them out of range.

HEAVY TOLL
Our gunfire had taken heavy toll of the enemy. Aircraft from our cruisers and the Ark Royal reported that one Italian cruiser, believed to be an 8-inch, was on fire and burning furiously while a destroyer of the Grecale class had stopped, down by the stern and was listing slightly.

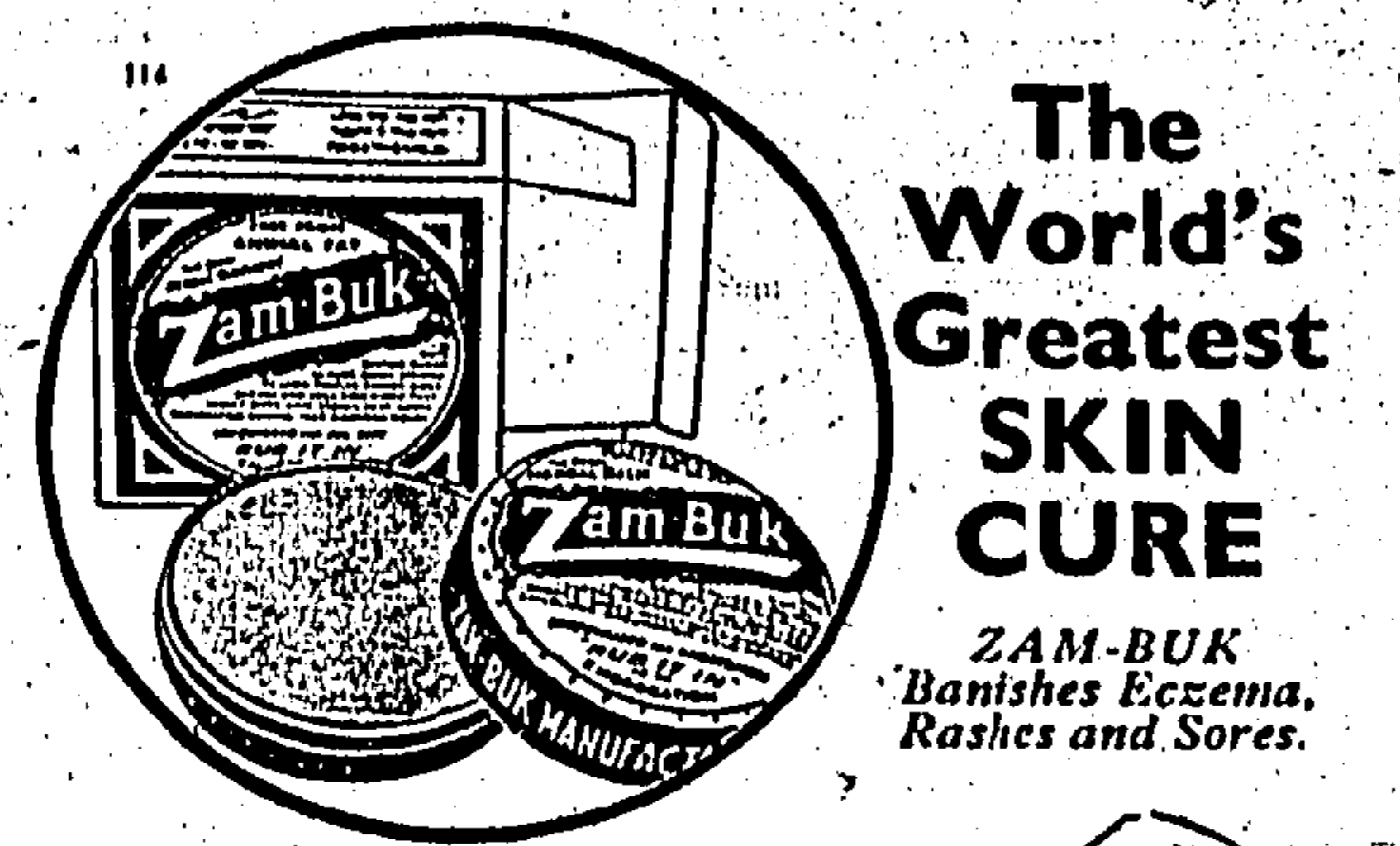
The enemy ships, having escaped from our guns, suffered a further battering in the afternoon from Swordfish bombers, who returned to report the scoring of a torpedo hit on a 35,000-ton battleship of the Littorio class, another on an 8-inch cruiser of the Bolzano class, and there were two bomb near misses on a 6-inch cruiser which

gun-flashes stabbed out from the Italian squadrons, which were now steaming on the port side on a parallel course to us.

Shells plunged into the sea around the cruisers. We were concentrating our fire on an enemy cruiser. An enemy destroyer began to lay a smoke screen, and we switched our fire to her as the smoke began to veil the enemy ships.

When it was reported that the cruiser was on fire, we concentrated our salvos on another cruiser for the remainder of the action.

By this time the Italian fleet had nearly disappeared over the horizon, running for the shelter of the coast and shore batteries. Fifty minutes after we opened fire on the enemy the order to cease fire was given.



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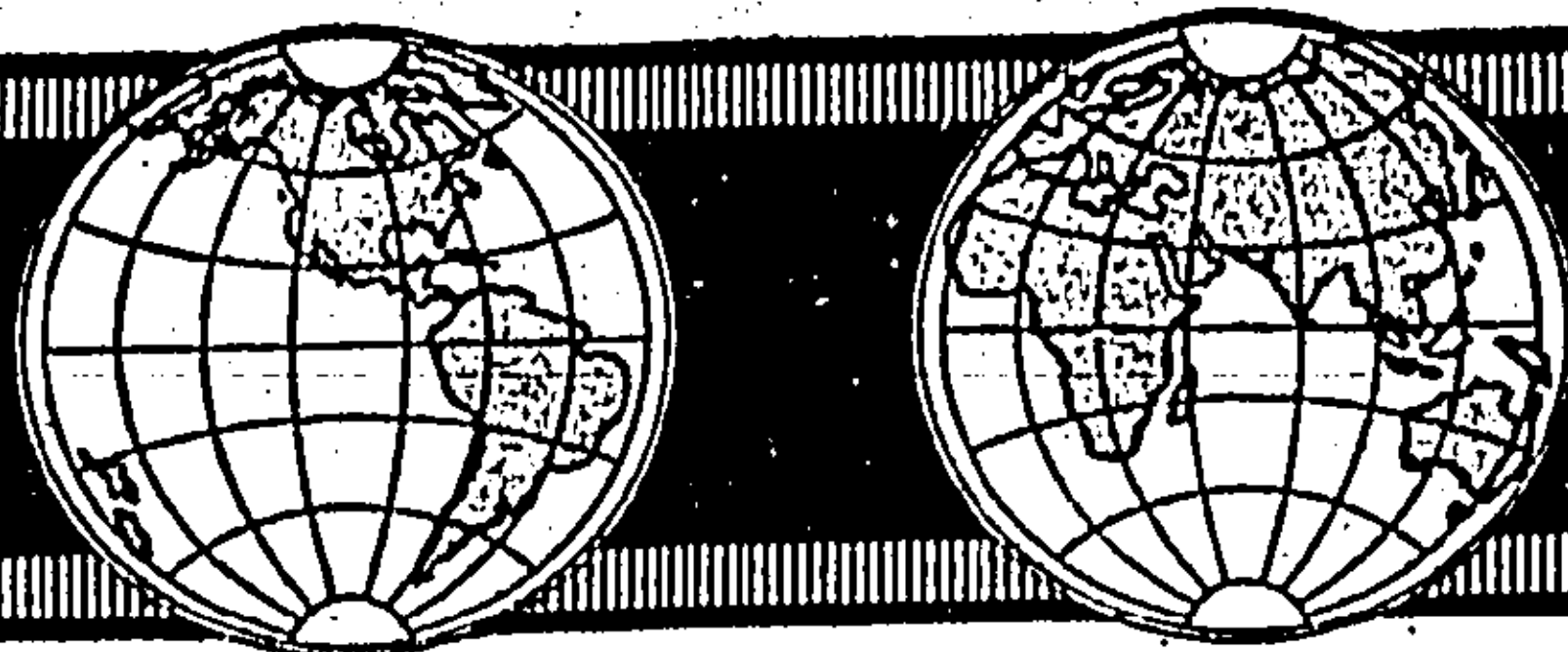
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LITTLE MEN who Saved BRITAIN

IN the noise of the crash of France a small cry was hardly heard. Yet it was important.

It represented the first act of real political imagination on the Allied side in this war. Winston Churchill offered complete union to France.

The offer came too late, but in it was the germ of a concept that might have saved the world this war and lined up the vital and revolutionary forces on the side of the Democracies instead of handing over their wanton exploitation and perversion to Adolf Hitler.

With that offer the political issue changed. Before that an Allied war aim had been the preservation of the complete national sovereignty of every European State, a policy which resulted in the "neutrality" rather than back.

The cry for the kind of union—the voluntary amalgamation of the free for mutual defence and mutual economic co-operation—came too late. But it suggested something new; it had vision, it suggested something to which the world might look forward rather than back.

The Turkish staff officer, particularly, has attained a high standard; and there are many senior officers and generals available with experience of the Great War and the War of Independence.

The young regimental officer is keen and distinguished for his leadership. He never forgets that the comfort and well-being of his men are supremely important things. Consequently the relations between officers and men are excellent, and reminiscent, in some degree of those which obtained in the French Army, with "men en famille" (my children) as the common form of address by officers to their men.

Though there was some shortage of material at the beginning of this war, recent urgent arrangements have made good many deficiencies.

The general equipment with which the Turkish Army would go into action now is first rate, and, indeed, is better than that of any other Balkan Army.

Mechanisation is not the overwhelming consideration which it has become elsewhere—chiefly for the reason that Turkish roads, on the whole, are not good, and consequently, set limits to the employment of mechanised forces.

The army, therefore, has been trained and equipped as a mobile force on auto-lines as are particularly suitable to the country in which it is most likely to be engaged. It does not lack anti-tank guns, and it has a good stock of A.A. artillery. Its coastal defences are good.

Any shortcomings of the Turkish Army in the past were due to the corruption of the old imperial regime. That has gone. A spirit of virility and fiery patriotism is now linked with a consciousness of reform and efficiency.

It makes a combination which will never yield to the fashionable aggression.

Dunkirk: "It had the magical quality of a great Biblical story."

(From the painting by Charles Cundall.)

THE turning point, however, came at Dunkirk. At Dunkirk one Britain lost the war. At Dunkirk another Britain was born, to snatch destiny out of the hands that had sent it out to die.

In the daily poundings of the news upon our ears, and eyes and minds, where one event follows another in awful and terrific succession, we forget to-day what we read yesterday. But Dunkirk cannot be forgotten. Dunkirk was the miracle. Dunkirk has about it the magical quality of a great Biblical story, of a King Arthur legend.

They were not saved by the men in top-hats and striped trousers, the men who went grousing shooting in Scotland and reckoned how one could defend Britain and still not wreck the economic system. (What happens to an economic system when a nation falls?) They were saved by themselves and by the people of England. They came home filled with rage and filled with a sense of wonder.

They had a story to tell, a story of a battle against insuperable odds, of a battle fought without the protection of planes and without heavy tanks—the story of the miracle, of the little men from the coasts who saved them with the help of God.

I write these words soberly. I am reporting what scores of men and women in England have written to me. "God means 'England to do something.' 'I never felt like that before in all my life. It was as though every one was your brother.' 'It was like the Children of Israel when God parted the Red Sea.'"

A NATION belongs to the people who will die to save it. At Dunkirk was demonstrated that the little men of England would die to save it. Great Britain has not become a nation of the people. That beautiful hierarchy of title and wealth and commoners was a political democracy, but no social democracy.

But Dunkirk is almost an allegory for a strange sort of social revolution. That social revolution now goes on from day to day.

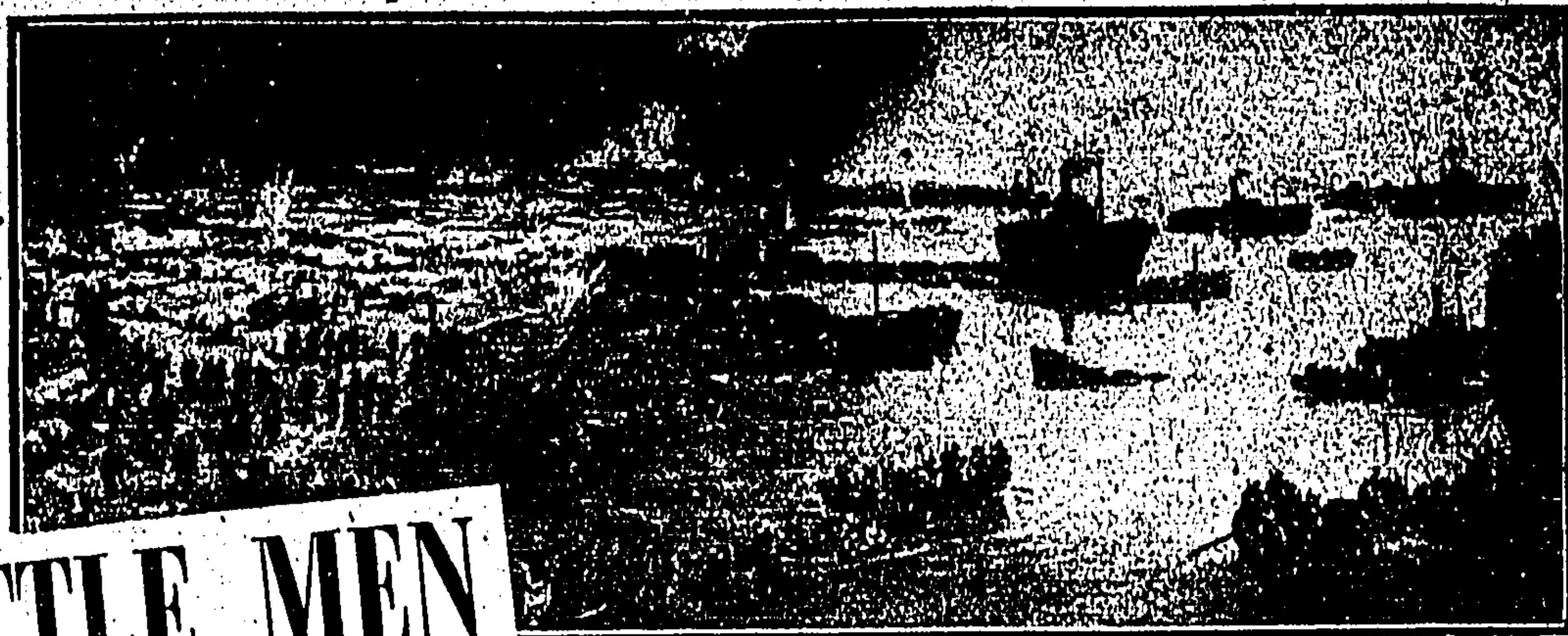
Polar and Silvertown—London's worst slums—are bombed out of existence and their inhabitants evacuated to Mayfair. The Army and a relief force Mayfair, in its turn, is that sprang out of every village bombed to demonstrate that in and hamlet on the coast of England this strange war all men are equal—except that some are unequal in heroism, being better than the others.

Children are evacuated to safety abroad—or were until a of men who go down to the sea in ships, in boats, in smacks, in barges, in yachts; old men with their faces lined and hardened by the sea wind; boys, too young and go to war, who know how to cratic families, but the little tuck a sail and wield our Princesses, Elizabeth and Mary and draw in nets; mechanics, who were skilful at repairing a rudder or handy in an engine-room; men in sou'westers, and boots, mobilised by a grapevine, sending furniture from Buckingham Palace to the East-End; and Buckingham Palace itself is bombed.

Thus, the war becomes a people's war, and the King does not receive the People, but the People include the King.

THE Straits of Dover became blacker with craft than the sky above was black with planes. The revolutionary clan of National Socialism falters against this new spirit. To this new spirit it has nothing to say.

Day by day the little men of Great Britain make Britain again great, and make it increasingly impossible for any human soul to become a Nazi. And that, in itself, is a victory. For National Socialism will fall when no one else in the world can be persuaded to become a Nazi.



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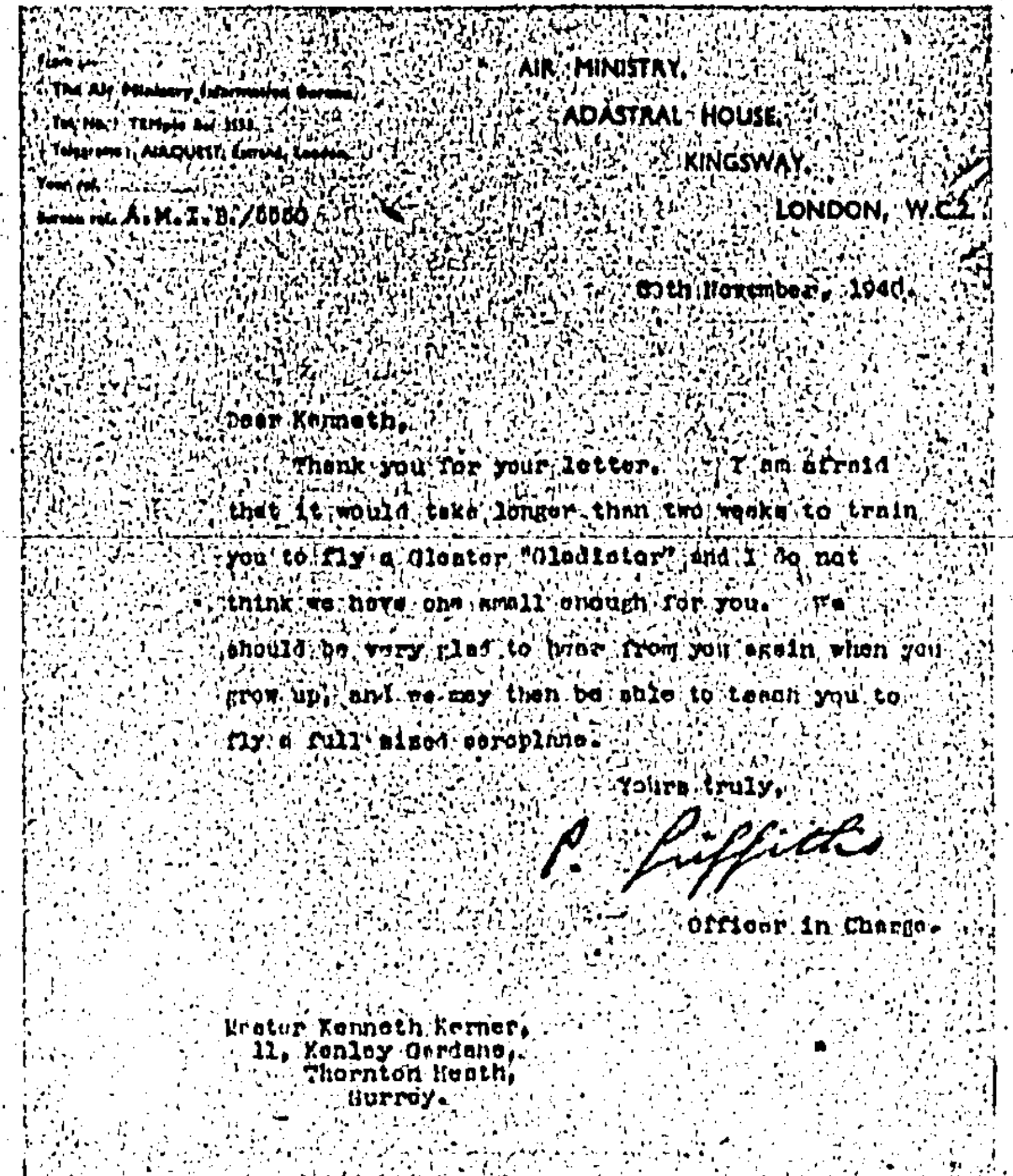
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In the picture above, Kenneth is seen at home with his fleet of model aircraft, which he is camouflaging with the aid of his paint box. The Air Ministry, as shown in their reply at the right, considers Kenneth too young at present. So Kenneth is impatiently waiting to grow up and do his part in defending his motherland.



AIR RAID DAMAGE IN BRISTOL—The burnt-out Temple Church after the Nazis dropped incendiary bombs on the city.



AWARDED THE M.M. for gallantry in remaining at her post under aerial bombardment — Corporal Elspeth Candlish-Henderson, of the W.A.A.F. Her photo appears above.



"BLOW THE MAN DOWN"—A bunch of British sailors having a good time ashore. What they lack in operatic training they more than make up for in volume.



CALL TO COLOURS—A trumpeter of General De Gaulle's Free French legions in Africa.

BRITISH TROOPS ON GREEK SOIL—The Bishop of Canoa is seen blessing Bren gun carriers and light tanks which were recently sent to help the Greeks. British soldiers are operating the equipment.



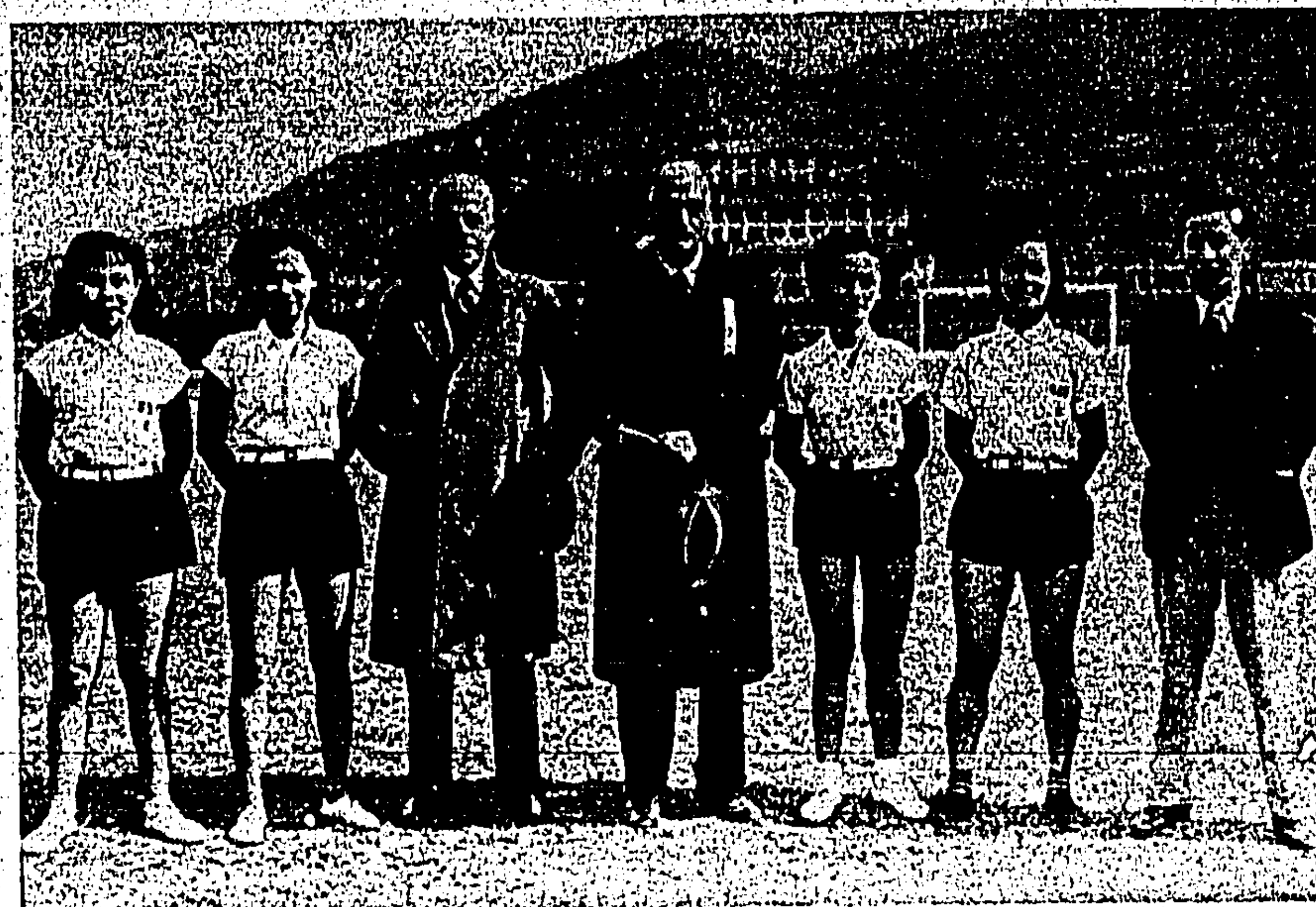
FREE FRENCH—Men of the French Colonial Infantry are assisting the British in Africa. Here is a motorised detachment going to action.



CRASHED INTO CABBAGE PATCH—This was what happened to one of Goering's Messerschmidts during a raid on England. It was one of 27 shot down in the same day.



CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday of Mr John Coleman Charter and Miss Yvonne Joyce Spencer Crowley. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



A.R.P. ATHLETICS—Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Parkins and Major C. M. Mannors are seen above with the Shumshulpo Division team, winners of the 400-metres Inter-District Relay for Ladies at the A.R.P. sports last week. Below Wing Commander Steele-Parkins touches the tape first in a handicap flat race. Mr. H. R. Sequira makes a determined bid for second place, with Mr Tso Ka-po a close third. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr and Mrs Chou Tien, who were married recently at the Registry. The bride was formerly Miss Shiu Ying. (Photo: England Studio).



LA SALLE DANCE—A happy party snapped at the dance at the Peninsula Hotel last week organised by the La Salle Old Boys' Association. Seen in the picture are Mr Sonny Castro, Mr Micky Remodios, Mr Eddy Noronha, Miss Mildred Osmund, Miss Paula Hollands, Miss Ave Gosano, Miss Lolita Yvanovich, Mr Luigi Gosano, Miss Socorro Castro, Dr E. Gosano and Miss Nina Lopes. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



WONG-MAK—Photo taken at the Registry after the marriage of Mr Wong Wan-tung, of Hin Fat and Co., and Miss Mak Wai-hing.

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THE DRAMA BEHIND THE CAPTURE OF KORITZA

The Strange Vendetta of Voyin Popovich

WHO was the first man to enter Koritza and force the Italians out of it, slaying them as they ran? I am told it was Voyvoda Vuk, the War Wolf. There is no surprise in that, for Voyvoda Vuk has been the terror of the Italians among the Albanian mountains for years.

It was in 1914 I met him first. A small pack horse laden with what remained of a home trudged into the little Serbian town of Kraguevatz.

Leading the horse was a man. On the top of the pile of goods on the horse's back was his wife. Walking beside the man was a youth barely twenty years of age. That youth was Voyin Popovich. The three were refugees from the cruelties of the Germans.

Even as a child Voyin Popovich had seen crimes that would make men shudder. When he was still in his teens his father dedicated him to fight the enemy. The very children of the village played at "fighting the Germans." It was his playmates who first christened Voyin by the name of "War Wolf."

Comitadjis Rise

His father and mother were killed in the last war. Voyin swore a great oath. He joined the military college at Belgrade; but the army could not hold him.

He came back to what is called Albania, formed a band of men and took to the hills. He became a leader of comitadjis.

Comitadjis are mostly outlaws. Voyin and his men have lived in the mountains for years, refusing to accept Italian laws, opposing Italian troops wherever they could be met, performing deeds which ordinary mountaineers admitted were almost super-human.

To the Italians Voyin and his band were just comitadjis. To the Albanians, and to the Greeks, they were patriots fighting for freedom.

When the Italians began the invasion of Greece the comitadjis rose as one man. The Greek Staff asked them whom they wanted as leader. With one voice they cried, "Give us Voyvoda Vuk! Give us the War Wolf!"

With the nominal rank of colonel, Vuk prepared for the fight. When other troops were forming at Salonika, under the shadow of Mount Hortalach, Vuk was already on the warpath, with his thousand men.

They climbed up the Pindus mountains, and they were almost surrounded. The order came for Vuk to retreat. It was feared there was a trap for the War Wolf. Some of his men came to him and said this was the end, and advised him to make a finish of it and fight till they were all slain.

"My children," said Vuk, "I will lead you through the Italian ranks."

bandit war lord of Albania

BEHIND the eviction of the Italians from Koritza lies the dramatic story of a vendetta which has burned with implacable hatred since the invasion of Albania during the last war.

AND here, by a man who knew him in his early days, is an intimate portrait of the great Balkan patriot, Voyin Popovich, who is to-day leading the Albanian revolt against the deluded minions of the puffed-up Mussolini.

By STUART MARTIN

He did it. In the early morning when mist shrouded the peaks, he brought them into the valley, passing the Italian lines within half a mile, and crossed the frontier to the Morova Heights. The Greek staff gave him up for lost.

When he next reported his movements he was crossing the upper reaches of the River Devol, driving the Italian Alpini before him.

"How did you do it?" he was asked by his superiors.

"It was nothing," answered the Wolf. "My children and I know the mountains."

"You have saved our flank," said the staff.

The Wolf and his men marched on. They were used in desperate situations. They swept through the valleys around Mount Palaeomageron, they climbed the heights, left a trail of dead and disorganised enemy. They faced Mount Grammos.

There are three peaks here. The regulars had a feeble hold on one and needed reinforcements. Vuk called his men together. There were now about 700 of them.

"My comitadjis," he said, "we shall take the second peak to-night. To-morrow we shall take the third. What do you say?"

"We'll take it, Vuk!" they answered.

On the second peak they found the Alpini, and scattered them. On the third peak they met the Bersaglieri—Mussolini's crack regiment—and cut them to pieces, taking stores, guns, equipment.

They chased both the Alpini and the Bersaglieri down the slopes, then came back for the much-needed stores, for they were far ahead of their own supplies. But another hundred of Vuk's bravos lay still, never to march again.

Wanton Damage And Looting

"Where shall we go now, Wolf?" asked the remaining six hundred.

"To Koritza," replied the Wolf, as he honed his sword afresh. "To Koritza. There will be real fighting now, brothers; and I have an appointment with Colonel Branchini."

The comitadjis laughed grimly at that. Colonel Branchini was the Italian leader who had put a price on the head of every comitadji, and a thousand drachmae on that of the Wolf, dead or alive.

They took Kryshtia, Kas-toria (next the lake), then pushed on to Bikhshita, then to Forni, then over to Changore, south of Mount Ivan. They stamped with rage and tears in

every village as they saw the devastation left by the retreating Italians.

Everywhere it was the same story. Houses wrecked, women and girls dishonoured, wanton damage to possessions, looting and burning. Old men had been shockingly mutilated. Children ravished.

At Changore the Wolf and his men knelt as a weeping priest of the Greek church gave them his blessing, asked them to remember all this when they advanced. The comitadjis swore to remember.

At last they crouched among the rocks and looked down on Koritza. They were there when the R.A.F. came over and bombed the enemy on the roads and in the town.

Flames That Lit The Skies

One of Vuk's scouts came with the news that several Italian divisions were retreating down the western slopes of the Morovan Heights. Another scout brought the information that a Greek force had crossed Lake Presba and was attacking Mount Ivan. A third revealed that more of the enemy were fleeing towards Pogradetz.

It was a great temptation to the Wolf to fall on the Italians going towards Pogradetz. That was the comitadjis' own country, wild and hilly. But Vuk bade his men postpone that. "After Koritza, brothers," he said. "But first—Koritza—and Colonel Branchini."

All day on November 20 they watched the Greek shells battering the town. When darkness fell the flames of burning buildings lit up the sky. Vuk rose and addressed his men.

"I go to Koritza. At dawn look to see if the Italian flag still flies. If it does not fly, come down and meet me at the enemy headquarters."

"And if it still flies, Wolf?" "Come and avenge me, brothers."

He took with him his old servant, a rugged, lean comitadji, and they disappeared in the gloom.

It was an hour before dawn when Vuk and his servant entered the suburbs, having passed over what had been the Italian line of defence outside the town. The old comitadji carried his rifle and bayonet, and at his grille hung his long knife. Vuk had his sword and revolver. The streets were awarming with trucks and vehicles leaving the town. Vuk marched to the G.H.Q., where several cars were drawn up, panting. Two sentries were at the door. Behind them were several officers, one of whom stepped forward as the Wolf brushed past the sentries, began to hone his sword again.

"What do you want? Who are you?" he demanded.

"I come to offer my sword to Colonel Branchini. I shall tell him who I am."

"Here is Colonel Branchini coming."

Vuk saw, at the top of the stairs, a tall, pompous Bersaglieri, heavy with decorations. With him were four others.

With a leap the Wolf was up the stairs, his comitadji at his heels. They placed themselves so that their backs were to the wall and the Italians on the top step. The corridor was empty.

"Are you Colonel Branchini?" asked the Wolf quietly.

"I am Colonel Branchini. Who are you? What do you want?"

"I am Voyvoda Vuk."

It seemed as if an unexpected thrill passed through the Italians. One of them drew his revolver, but the Wolf spoke softly.

"I have come to offer you my sword, Colonel Branchini."

The Wolf held his blade in his right hand. His revolver was in his left. Branchini misunderstood him, and made an attempt to be friendly.

"Your sword, Vuk? Hah, you can cover our retreat, you and your comitadjis."

"You misinterpret my meaning," interrupted the Wolf sternly. "I offer you my sword, as we comitadjis say. Listen. On the walls of Koritza are bills offering a reward for my head. I saw them as I entered the town. You drove me to the hills and hunted me and my men. Shall I tell you what we have seen on our march to Koritza?"

He spoke rapidly, telling of the ruined villages, the outraged girls and women, the mutilated men, the looted houses, the burnings, ending with the terrible words: "When a comitadji offers his sword he offers death."

The Italians fell back at his words, and one of the officers near Branchini made a movement. At the same moment Vuk's servant cried sharply, "Look out, my Wolf!" and lunged with his bayonet.

It was like the flash of a lizard's tongue. Out and in again. The officer who had drawn his revolver was down with a red trickle oozing from his chest.

They fought there at the top of the stairs, the two comitadjis and the other four Italians. The Wolf and his servant had their backs to the wall. They shouted their war cry as they fought, bayonet and sword against revolvers and sword.

Branchini made an attempt to run, but he only got two steps down when the Wolf caught him, dragged him back, slammed him against the wall, and ran him through. The other three Italians were already down.

Standing On The Italian Flag

Then Vuk and his man turned and ran up the next flight of stairs, along a corridor, then up a third flight and so to the flat roof.

With his sword Vuk cut down the Italian flag. Dawn had come. Down in the outskirts of the town Vuk saw his comitadjis running forward, bayonets gleaming. The Italians were fleeing before the avengers.

From the south of the town other Greek troops were coming, too, at the double.

Vuk came down the stairs with his old rugged comitadji. When the commander of the Greek regulars arrived at the building he found Vuk standing by the entrance surrounded by his men. He was standing on the Italian flag. The bodies of Italian officers and men lay on the steps, on the hall floor, on the staircase. Above them all lay Branchini, stiff and stark.

"My comitadjis and I give you Koritza," said the Wolf gravely, respectfully; and he began to hone his sword again.

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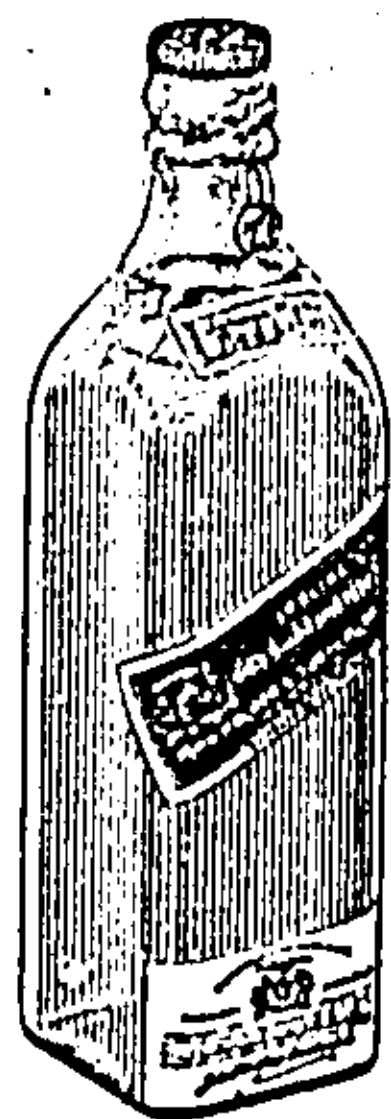
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The vicar goes through good days and bad with his parishioners, but when he dies just four days before Christmas "one couldn't help feeling, it was just like him."

Poor Gordon Breque. Mr Hutchinson's portraits of him and of his dark, vivid and devoted wife are masterly. Laura is indeed a charming creation and has the touch of life which is lacking in her husband. The four children are also excellent individually, but rather heavily contrasted as a family, and Laura remains the most sympathetic character in the book.

Mr Hutchinson has simplified his style with the years, but he is still guilty of some atrociously involved sentences. What can the average reader or maker of the following without resource to mental parsing: "In all those thirty years, right up to this week in which they had ended, himself he ever could recall that glorious evening of his heart with which on the afternoon of arrival, eagerly stepping from the cab, he had put his hand on the vicarage gate and turned to Laura and the children and Minna excitedly crowding out to follow him."

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Walter D. Edmonds is the author of "Drums Along the Mohawk," and there is no doubt that his present story of circus life in America in the very early Nineteenth Century "Chad Hanna" (Collins 8s. 6d.) is written with an eye to the

There are two excellent parts for young stars, plenty of good feature roles, and exciting highlights well dotted throughout the tale.

All this does not prevent "Chad Hanna" from being an excellent, richly humorous story.

Chad Hanna is horse-boy at the Yellow Bud Tavern on the canal at Canastota when the story starts, but he is restless, and when he meets trouble helping a runaway slave to escape, he moves on and joins "Huguenine's Great and Only International Circus and Equestrienne" and her horse.

The circus is really a very small and poor one, in spite of its resounding name, but the performers are kind and accept Chad and his fellow waif Caroline at their face value. Their story is mixed up with the adventures of the road, with the sad death of Oscar the Lion, with the fight with the toughs of a larger and rival circus, with the desertion and subsequent return of "Lady Lillian" the equestrienne, and with the country and towns which they visit en route.

The story is delightfully human, and there are some excellent portraits among the minor characters. Mr Edmonds leaves his period to the reader's imagination. Not once is there a mention of the everyday clothes worn by the women, nor is chosen as the Daily Mail "Book of the Month" and is certain to appeal to the author's large and faithful public.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

MAKING PICTURE-STORIES



This shot is from our "baking biscuits" sequence—the best way in the world to tell a story in pictures.

PICTURE-TAKING is a lot more fun, for the subjects, if the pictures have a story to tell. At our house, we do it this way. First, I pick two "story" ideas—one for Ann to be the model, another for Jack. Then I jot down notes for six or eight pictures that will tell each story—picking the high spots, of course.

To decide which story shall be pictured first, we toss a coin. If Ann wins, it's her story and she is the model, while Jack and I take the pictures. Actually, I suppose, I do most of it—placing the lights, setting the camera, and so on—but I try to let Jack feel that he's really the "director." We tell Ann what to do, for each shot—and usually the whole picture series is made in a short time. The following evening, it's Jack's turn as model, and Ann helps me shoot.

Sometimes we invite the next-door neighbour's little girls over, as model, so that both Jack and Ann can help supervise. She enjoys it—if my "story" idea gives her something interesting to do.

We made a sequence last week, showing how she learned to bake biscuits. We pictured her measuring out the flour, kneading the dough, rolling it out, cutting the biscuits, sliding them into the oven—and, finally, taking a big bite out of the first one. It's a good story.

That outline, incidentally, is typical of our snapshot sequences. Just a step-by-step account of things the children do. Jack, building an aeroplane model or packing his knapsack for a hike; Ann, learning how to roller-skate, or how to make a rag doll. And they have already made one story sequence of me—loading my pipe, lighting it, sitting down with the evening paper, puffing away as I read, and finally dozing off. Pretty good pictures, too, for youngsters.

You should try this idea of snapshot sequences, if you haven't already. There's fun in it—and the pictures are more interesting because they fit together to tell a real story.

John van Guilder.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE



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Try It Sometime

BY KEMP STARRETT

"My Marriage Will Last For Ever"

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O'NEILL

Until some better form of entertainment comes along, Thomas Mitchell, long a hold-out from the films and until a few years ago one of the leading lights of Broadway, will make motion pictures.

"It's the greatest entertainment ever devised," he says, "and after four years of seeing it from the Hollywood angle, I'm convinced that the stage, except in a few unusual cases, can't even offer competition to the movies."

Pictures, Mitchell points out, are almost invariably much better done than stage productions.

"The reason is obvious," he says. "Studios have more money to spend because they reach such a tremendous audience. They can do things over and over until they're perfect. With their resources they can get the very best actors, writers and directors. They can spend vast sums on settings. The result is that when you see the average picture, it's much better than the average play. The screen has many advantages over the stage."

Thrilling Adventure
Mitchell is playing one of the leading roles in John Ford's picturisation of "The Long Voyage Home" and he points to this thrilling sea adventure as an unusual example of the screen's superiority over the stage in entertainment.

"The picture is an adaptation of four one-act plays by Eugene O'Neill," he says. "All of them have the same characters. They were coupled together on the stage for a full evening's entertainment, but not more than a few thousand people ever saw them. For picture purposes, instead of four separate plays, Dudley Nichols has written an excellent adaptation that includes the material of all the plays and adds continuity and a story to hold them together. The result is an improvement on O'Neill's original idea of entertainment. Millions of people will see the picture when it is shown in the movie theatres of the world, and it will bring enjoyment to a vast audience which knows little about the courage and character of these men of the sea, or about America's most distinguished playwright."

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Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announces acquisition of the Broadway musical success, "Lady, Be Good" as a tri-starring vehicle for Ann Southern, Eleanor Powell and Tony Martin. When presented in New York in 1925, "Lady, Be Good" featured music by George Gershwin and performances by two young players who were relatively unknown at the time, Fred and Adele Astaire.

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James Hilton is looking forward to the day when "Blossoms" minutes with Tracy.

Says Deanna Durbin



Deanna Durbin, nineteen-years-old singing star, has told an interviewer, "My marriage will last for ever."

Deanna recently became engaged to Vaughan Paul, 25-years-old associate producer.

"I'm on top of the world, and every woman in the world will know how happy I am," she said.

"This won't be just one of these 'Hollywood marriages.' It will last for ever."

Deanna first met Vaughan way back in 1936 when she was

15. He has been a steady boy friend ever since.

Her films since then have brought her in about £1,000 a week and lots more than that to the film company who cashed in on the unspoilt charm of her sweet personality.

Here are the things Deanna told the reporter:

"Vaughan Paul and I will be partners for life."

"We are interested in the same things, the same same books, the same ideas."

"And he is a most brilliant young director could anything be better?"

"I will go on making films but they will take second place to my marriage now."

"Material success and

"WATERLOO BRIDGE"

—at Queen's and Alhambra

"Waterloo, Waterloo, Waterloo, wretched plain," moaned Victor Hugo, and Robert Sherwood, who wrote the play on which the film that is showing this week-end at the Queen's and Alhambra is based, makes it a pretty miserable bridge, too.

"Waterloo Bridge" was made several years ago as a silent film, and now MGM, with characteristic adroitness, has resurrected the tale and makes it palatable to 1941 audiences.

In the beginning, your Bob Taylor is the best-looking brass-hat in the British Army—heavy with tabs, braid, greying hair, and sorrow.

He stops his limousine on Waterloo Bridge, stands there brooding. And then you're flashed back to a 1917 air raid, and you realise that Colonel Taylor is dreaming of the time when Captain Taylor (best-looking captain in the British Army) stood in that self-same spot, sheltering a little waif-like ballet dancer, Vivien Leigh, from the bombs.

Naturally, before the special constables bawled out the "All clear," they were in love.

What a love! It overrides the tyranny of an iron-willed ballet mistress (Maria Ouspenskaya) . . . it sends your Captain Taylor running to his dual colonel-in-chief (C. Aubrey Smith) for permission to marry . . . and it breaks little Miss Leigh's heart.

Because Captain Taylor is recalled suddenly to France, and she is left jobless and penniless—going from bad to worse and then some.

So that by the time Captain Taylor returns to introduce her to the dual estates (and society) in Scotland she is a Woman With A Past.

First she thinks she'll bluff him—then she thinks she'll save his honour by running away. So she ends by throwing her poor, unhappy little body under a passing ambulance on Waterloo Bridge.

There are crudities in the story, but for good dialogue, fine acting and faithful period detail it is in its own class. Virginia Field, as Vivien Leigh's girl friend, impresses particularly by her performance.



Robert Taylor and Vivien Leigh in "Waterloo Bridge"

"THE LADY IN QUESTION"

—at the King's

"The Lady In Question" is the current show at the King's.

Rehoid, Brian Aherne in flowing moustaches, as he tends his bicycle shop in Paris. And then, he fulfils the ambition of his life—he gets called to serve on a jury.

His one pertinent question to a witness saves the life of Rita Hayworth, on trial for murder, and then Brian takes the poor girl home, gives her a job in his shop.

Mrs Brian—Irene Rich—doesn't know who the girl is. But son of the house, Glenn Ford, does. The complications, most of them obvious, which follow the situation, make the rest of the film.

Curt Bois, inquisitive juror who keeps bobbing into the bicycle shop, does a grand job of work. Brian Aherne does a better.

This little comedy, which skirts the edge of tragedy all the time, will keep you amused and interested from the first shot to the all-clear.



NAMED BY DIES—Dr. Hans Thomson, German charge d'affaires in Washington and highest ranking German diplomat in U. S., named by Dies Committee in "White Paper," among diplomats and agents spreading Nazi propaganda in U. S. Reported aim was to penetrate U. S. economic structure.



STRONG MAN—Marcel B. Poyrouton, French Minister of Interior, who heads newly created militant secret police. New police are called Protection Guards, or GP-men, and are all definitely anti-left.



A. CARLSEN—Moor Alexander Carlson, left, arriving in New York to spend holidays with his family. He's really Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, travelling incognito from England. Dr. C. J. Hambro, Parliament president, right.

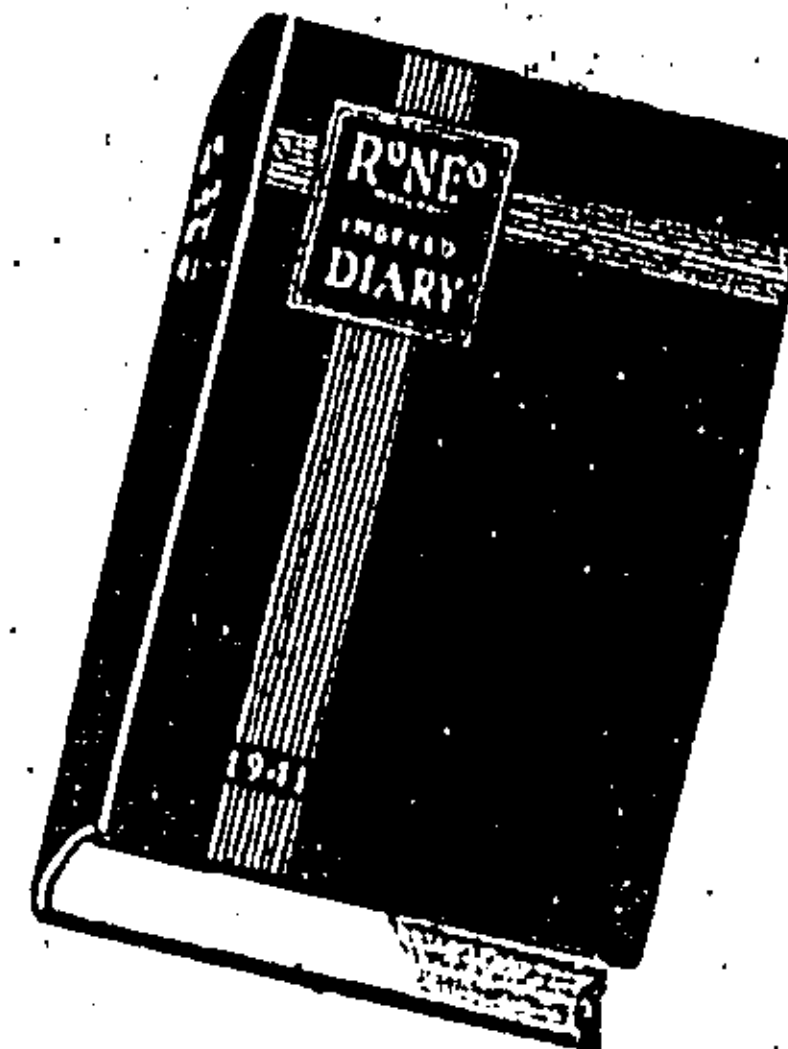
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Watch Baby's Cold

A WINTER bugbear in all families with young children is the numerous colds from which they suffer. This is especially true in babies. They begin with a stopped-up nose, running eyes, some fever and a bad temper. They also have difficulty in sleeping and nursing because they cannot breathe through the nose. The cold usually begins suddenly and develops rapidly.

Of itself, a cold may be only a nuisance, but if not checked it may descend into the larynx and lungs, croup and finally bronchopneumonia may result, with extremely serious illness.

How do babies catch cold? Well, ninety-nine times out of a hundred it is because some one in the family or a visitor who has a cold, coughs in their faces, fondles and kisses them, thus planting the seeds for a sick spell.

Some day we are going to be wise enough to compel everyone with a cold to stay at home in bed, or wear a mask if he leaves his own rooms.

Everybody Has Cure

All grandmothers and other relatives, also the neighbours, have a cure for babies' colds—everybody but the doctor. He knows that a well-developed cold will become worse and his only hopes are that laryngitis and pneumonia may be prevented.

Babies do not take medicines readily and drugs are not advisable except in extreme cases. Yet a cold must be overcome promptly or the baby will receive a setback. As a general rule, a mild laxative should be given at once. Not because he is constipated, but that all undigested food may be removed. Fever retards digestion, and the secretions from the nose and throat carrying the offending germs are swallowed and drive the infection down into the intestines where they multiply rapidly.

We use a small dose of castor oil which cleans off and leaves the walls healthy. Or six to ten tablets, each containing one-tenth grain of calomel, given at hourly intervals. This liquefies the bile, which acts as an antiseptic and is often of benefit.

As soon as a cold is noticed, give a warm bath, placing the child in a tub or pan of warm water in which some ground mustard is dissolved. Enough mustard should be used to turn the water a light lemon colour. The entire body is immersed except the head. The body should be gently massaged and a little cool water applied to the head.

As soon as the child's skin becomes flushed, he should be removed from the water, dried promptly, wrapped in a warm gown and placed in a warm bed. Not too much covering, because if he gets too warm he becomes restless and kicks off the cover. Later the face, nose, neck, behind the ears and the upper chest should be rubbed with camphorated oil.

Repeat Mustard Bath

Thus we relieve the congestion, draw the blood to the surface and give nature every chance to overcome the infection. Camphorated oil rubs may be repeated every few hours. If relief does not come in a few hours, the warm mustard bath can be repeated. The child should be given all the water he will take. Diet should be light. It is often wise to withhold milk for a number of

hours, substituting orange and other fruit juices.

If the laxative is omitted, a small soapuds enema should be substituted. This treatment is advisable for a very young infant and is good treatment till the age of six or eight years. Indeed, the warm mustard bath is serviceable at all ages.

If the cold is not greatly reduced within twenty-four hours, a physician should be called and informed about what you have done. If drugs or medicine are indicated, he will prescribe them.

Follow the programme he lays down and you may be sure you are doing the right thing.

Erik Nelson

Mr Erik Nelson, former Assistant Superintendent at Kai Tak Airport, has been released from his duties with the Royal Air Force and has now taken up the appointment of Superintendent of British Overseas Airways at Bermuda.

SIR WM. LLEWELLYN

London, Jan. 20. The death is announced of Sir William Llewellyn, the poetical painter. He died in London on Tuesday night, aged 77. A former President of the Royal Academy, he held office for ten years.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says, "Quiet conditions continue to prevail, the bulk of the turnover being in Banks and Government 8½% Loan. During the past week, the volume of business was on a small scale."

Business done during the week

H.K. Banks \$1,405, \$1,410
H.K. Fire Ins. \$107½
Wharves \$98
Docks "N" \$17
Providents \$3½
Hotels \$3.55
Lands \$34.35, \$34½
Trams \$17.00
Lights "O" \$0.30, \$0.10
Electricity "O" \$40½, \$40¼, \$40.35
Electricity "N" \$30¾
Ropes \$9, \$9½, \$9.10, \$9, \$9.00
Dairy Farms \$10.20
Watsons \$11.15, \$11.10
Constructions "O" \$1.00
Constructions "N" .80c.
Land Debentures 97½
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H.K. Fire Ins. \$103
Lands \$34.25
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Sellers

Hotels \$3.00
Trams \$18.20
Lights "O" \$0.25
Ropes \$8.80

Sales

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 92.25
H.K. Banks \$1,410
Hotels \$5.50
Lands \$34.25
Lights "O" \$0.10
Ropes \$8½
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London, Jan. 13. Charlie Chaplin's picture "The Great Dictator" has been banned in Eire by the Eire Government. The film is now being shown in Belfast. —Our Own Correspondent.



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1. U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai.
2. (a) electricity (b) physics (c) astrology (d) biology.
3. Little Bear.
4. A town in Eritrea, recently taken by the British.
5. T. S. Eliot.
6. Caesar's wife.
7. Garibaldi.
8. The Chinese.
9. Diving bird.
10. The campaign against the Fifth Column. He is chairman of the Committee Investigating Un-American Activities.

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